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A HAPPY TRIAL RUN FOR CHANUKAH

An example of the well-known Israeli resourcefulness is Georah Pellet's menorah made from his rifle. His wife and one-year-old child look on in admiration. Toronto freelance photographer Jacob El-Baz visited Israel recently. A former Israeli paratrooper, El-Baz took his photo in Haifa.

Toronto's purchase of Bonds is more than double 1972

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

The Toronto Jewish community has more than doubled its purchases of Israel bonds this year over 1972, with $22.5 million bought so far in 1973, the Chanukah Festival audience at the O'Keefe Centre was told Sunday.

Donald Lipman, general campaign chairman, said $19.5 million of the total was raised since the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War. About $10 million worth of bonds was purchased in Toronto last year.

He told an applauding audience that Toronto remains number one in North America in per capita purchase of bonds. This city has occupied that position since 1955.

Harry Frank, national vice-president of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., reported a record Canada-wide total of $41.5 million purchased so far this year. He expected a $50 million figure by the end of the year which would be about double last year's total.

He praised Toronto as a city with less than 2% of the Jewish population in North America raising about 10% of this continent's total. And he noted non-Jewish support for Bonds in Canada including subscriptions from every bank.

About 6,000 persons attending the two festival programs gave standing ovations to featured speaker General Chaim Herzog, Israel's military voice to the world during the Yom Kippur War.

He told a news conference that the Geneva peace talks beginning Dec. 18 may last six months to a year and maybe longer. While negotiations continue, Israel will have to keep a large number of men under arms, thereby draining manpower and monetary resources, he said.

Former chief of military intelligence and brother of the late Yaacov Herzog, ex-ambassador to Canada, the general in his speech praised the Toronto community "for standing up and being counted when Jewish support was required."

He said: "We in Israel have been witness to your caring . . . We deeply felt this identification and this meant much to us in our hours of struggle."

An eloquent speaker who talked without notes, Gen. Herzog revealed Israel's standing army took the brunt of the Arabs' attack at odds of 12 to one until there was mobilization.

And he pointed out, with bitterness, that the United Nations, its Security Council and the world's conscience reacted when Israel was on the verge of victory, but "there was silence when the Jewish state was in danger in the first two days of war."

Despite all that is taking place in the world today, he promised "we shall not fail you . . . There is no worry about the results of any future conflagration."

The general presented an Israeli Prime Minister's Medal to Lipman who is stepping down after two years as campaign chairman.

During the festival program, local artists received greater audience response than the imported performers. Arkadi Shindelman, who arrived from Russia three months ago and was called a 19-year-old violin prodigy, was well received. Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation received an enthusiastic reception for his selection of folk songs and opera arias.

The Chanukah menorah ceremony was handled this year by Rabbis Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth, and Meyer Berglas of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Lighting the candles were Bond trustees and wives of trustees.

Festival Chairman Jack Israeli urged audience members planning trips south this winter to head instead for Israel where "you are needed."

Israel's hospitals are faced with shortage of supplies

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

Israel's medical institutions are facing a shortage of drugs and medical equipment, making the tasks of health personnel extremely difficult says Bernard Morris, national executive director of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel.

"Because of modern warfare, the type of casualty has been more serious than at any other time in Israel's history," he said. "Men were trapped in tanks and the shells used were very destructive . . . with many more injuries occurring."

Morris said over 1,000 cases of multiple bone fractures have been reported, with hundreds of soldiers sustaining severe war wounds. "It's obvious there is a great need for plastic surgery and artificial limb rehabilitation programs."

The Canadian Association for Labor Israel is the fund-raising organization which supports Kupat Holim (Sick Fund) -- a trade union health movement sponsoring medical services.

The Kupat Holim, the only non-governmental medicare system in the world, operates 16 hospitals and 1,100 clinics throughout Israel, as well as dental centres, mother and child institutions, and blood banks.

Over 14,000 medical personnel are employed in the health system, ensuring medical care to over 70% of Israel's population. Two of the 16 Kupat Holim hospitals at the Golan and Suez, were frontline hospitals during the Yom Kippur War, with both establishments bearing the brunt of emergency services.

"Thousands of casualties from both sides have been given the best treatment available. Countless lives that could well have perished from inadequate facilities have been saved," Morris said.

He explained the Canadian association is now concentrating its fund-raising efforts to resupply hospitals.

No decisive policy

Confidence vote is won by Meir

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Bureau Chief

TEL AVIV (JTA) –

Premier Golda Meir won a personal vote of confidence from her Labor Party after two days of exhausting debate on defence and foreign policy. But she failed to get the party to take a decisive position on the major issues that divided it. Her failure saved the party from a possibly fatal split on the eve of national elections but left the voters as much in the dark as ever as to where Labor stands on fateful questions of national policy.

Mrs. Meir had demanded the unprecedented pre-election debate by the Labor Party's 601-member Central Committee for the specific purpose of clarifying its positions for the electorate. The debate, begun last week, was interrupted by the death and funeral of former Premier David Ben-Gurion.

The premier told her colleagues that if it were not for the imminence of the elections, she would have resigned long before now and called for a new election. In a secret ballot taken hours after midnight, the Central Committee voted 291-33 in

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Announce federal kosher regulation

OTTAWA –

The federal government's consumer affairs department, in a move of far-reaching significance, has announced a regulation making it an offence to use the word 'kosher' in connection with any food unless it meets the requirements of Kashruth -- Jewish dietary laws.

The department said in a statement it added the regulation under the Food and Drug After hearing several cases of misrepresentation including a celebrated recent meat packing case in Winnipeg. The measure will ensure that those buying kosher food are getting what they pay for.

A consumer affairs department spokesman told The Canadian Jewish News the new measure was introduced because there has been evidence some food products were represented as being kosher when they were not.

"The regulation is a preventative one to give the Jewish public complete assurance in the purchase of kosher food," he said. Complaints will be brought to the attention of kashruth committee in the locality for verification. Violators of the kosher regulation are subject to a fine under the act, he said.

The measure came as a pleasant surprise to Central Region officials of The Canadian Jewish Congress who were unaware of the Order-in-Council until told about it by The CJN Monday. The announcement was made Friday in a press release.

Ben Kayfetz, CJC executive director, said his organization had not made official representation to the government, but that there had been a number of groups and individuals seeking the measure.

Rabbi Nachman Shemen, executive-director of Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of Congress, expressed delight at hearing the news and said there had been several delegates to Ottawa seeking such a regulation.

Rabbi Gedalia Felder, chairman of Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth said he met department officials twice to discuss the matter. He gave great credit to Hyman Bessin of Ottawa, former Canadian Zionist Federation president.

"It is a breakthrough and a great accomplishment for the spread of Kashruth," he told The CJN. "We're grateful to the government for doing it."

The new measure reads: "No person shall use, in labelling, packaging, advertising or selling of food that does not meet the requirements of 'Kashruth' applicable to it, the word 'kosher' or any letter of the Hebrew alphabet, or any other word, expression, depiction, sign, symbol, mark, device or other representation that indicates, or that is likely to create an impression that the food is kosher."

In other words, those who use the word kosher without being entitled to it, do so at their risk.

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UJA to honor Stephen Berger

TORONTO –

Stephen E. Berger will be honored as the "Man of the Quarter Century" at a community dinner marking the official windup of the 1974 United Jewish Appeal emergency campaign, at the Royal York Hotel on Sunday, Jan. 13.

Berger, president of the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto, will be honored for his continuing role as a top fund-raiser for UJA and many other organizations and agencies in the Jewish community over the past 25 years.

"I can think of no one who deserves the recognition and gratitude of this community more than Stephen Berger," said Murray B. Koffler, 1974 UJA campaign chairman. "To Stephen, all Jewish causes are of equal importance, there are no factions. He brings a united Jewish approach to every fund-raising endeavor he happens to be involved in."

Presidents of 17 organizations with which Berger has been affiliated in an executive capacity, are among the many who have been invited to attend the dinner, along with their board members.

Stephen Berger was born in 1900, but his energy and vitality would be the envy of a man 30 years his junior. If there is a meeting of more than 100 Jews, Stephen Berger would more than likely be in attendance. There is no limit to the variety of his interests or his capacity to completely immerse himself in new issues and causes. As he himself put it: "I volunteer for jobs no one else wants and when I take on something, I stick it out no matter how tough the challenge."

Stephen Berger's main regret in life is his lack of Jewish education while growing up in Hungary. "We lived in an anti-Semitic society and we divorced ourselves from Jewish life. We thought assimilation was the way, but how wrong we were."

Since arriving in Toronto in 1944 with his wife Edith and their two sons, Stephen Berger has proved to himself and to the community that concern for the welfare of your brothers is a precept of Judaism that has sustained Jewish survival throughout history.

Co-chairmen of the dinner on Jan. 13 are Dr. and Mrs. Arnold A. Epstein. In addition to the tribute to Stephen Berger, the program will feature a prominent guest speaker. Attending the event will be the hundreds of workers from all the UJA divisions who helped make this campaign the most successful one ever launched in the history of fund-raising in Toronto. There will be no solicitation of funds on this festive occasion.

Stephen Berger

Diefenbaker denounces oil boycott as 'greatest blackmail in history'

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

The Arab nations' oil boycott cott is the greatest blackmail in history, says John Diefenbaker.

"There have been more friends lost by the Arab nations in the last five weeks than in all of their history," he told a crowded news conference last week.

The 78-year-old former prime minister was in top form at the conference prior to the Jewish National Fund's Negev Dinner at which he was honored.

Calling the name of a parkway after him in the JNF's Canada Park recreational project in Israel "an honor I shall treasure above all others," Diefenbaker was the recipient of three standing ovations at the dinner attended by an over-flow crowd of 1,500 at the Royal York Hotel.

Dinner chairman David Dennis told the audience it was fitting that at a time when Israel has so few constant friends, tribute was being paid to Diefenbaker as one of her staunchest supporters.

His sense of integrity and sense of fairness became widely apparent after he became prime minister in 1957, he said.

"Until then it had been generally recognized that our Mideast desk at the UN was strongly Arabist . . . and suddenly, important supplies which had been denied to Israel previously, started to flow out of Canada . . . Our guest has always understood Israel's fight for survival."

Noting that the late David Ben-Gurion was a great personal admirer of Diefenbaker, Dennis said time will show that Diefenbaker is Canada's Ben-Gurion. The ex-Canadian prime minister called B.G. "the immortal while still mortal."

In his speech and at the news conference, Diefenbaker bitterly attacked the Soviet Union for failing to do the very things in its power to limit the scope of the conflict and deliberately encouraging other Arab countries to joint Egypt and Syria.

"Russia has continued its policy of stirring up trouble. Arab nations have received unbelievable material support and are receiving it today. More tanks have been turned over by the USSR to Egypt than used by Nazi Germany during the Second World War."

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BG leaves home, library to state

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

David Ben-Gurion left his home in Tel Aviv and the extensive library in it to the nation of Israel under the terms of his will filed in the Jerusalem District Court by Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro, the former justice minister to whom Ben-Gurion assigned the task in 1969.

He left his home and library at Sde Boker to the Midrasha College, which he established there. Similarly, he bequested his living rights at the kibbutz to the Midrasha.

His writings and papers will be published and edited by a special association which, the will stipulates, must be set up within one year. Any profits realized on these works are to be turned over to the "Paula Ben-Gurion Foundation" which supports schools and other educational institutions.

Shapiro told newsmen he had specifically asked Ben-Gurion last year whether he was giving him this responsibility as minister of justice or in his private capacity -- and Ben-Gurion replied it was the latter.

Israel corporation buys four power boilers

TORONTO –

An Ontario firm has recently completed a $28 million deal with representatives of the Israel Electric Corporation for the sale of four, 300-megawatts power boilers, The Canadian Jewish News learned this week.

J.M. Douglas, president of Babcock and Wilcox Ltd., Cambridge, Ont., disclosed the sale after the annual Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry meeting at the Royal York Hotel on Tuesday. The sale was the company's third to Israel, said Douglas, a vice-president of the chamber.

In a luncheon following the meeting, Ontario Industry and Tourism Minister Claude Bennett mentioned the recent visit to Ontario by the Israel Electric Company representatives as an example of the growing trade between the province and Israel.

He told the audience of about 200 business executives that Ontario wants Israel to "increasingly look to the province as a supplier of sophisticated products and services."

Last year, Ontario's exports to Israel accounted for about 35% of Canada's total exports to Israel. Major provincial exports in-

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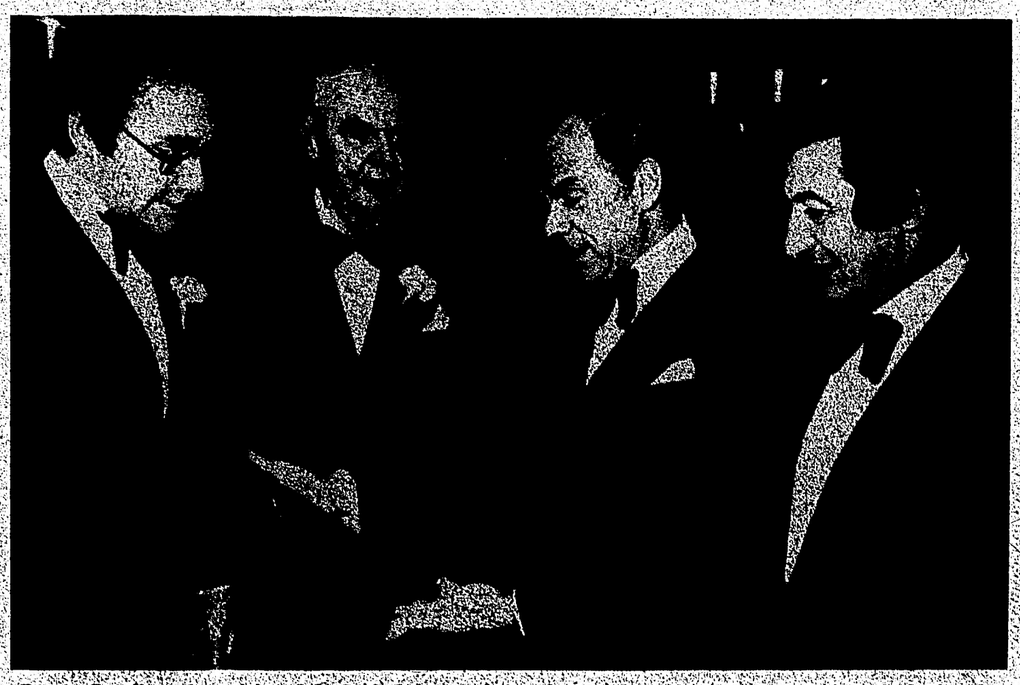

Former Canadian prime minister John Diefenbaker was honored at Toronto's Negev Dinner. A parkway in the Canada Park recreational project has been named after the 78-year-old politician. From left are David Dennis, dinner chairman, Diefenbaker, Murray Koffler, UJA campaign chairman, and James Kay, Toronto JNF chairman. (Gadi Hoz photo)

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Israel President Katzir (second from right) is applauded as he opens Toronto UJA's first President's Mission. Others in picture from left are Eddie Creed, mission chairman, Keren Hayesod World Chairman Ezra Shapiro and Murray Koffler, UJA campaign chairman.

An Israeli army colonel who acted as military escort for the 90-member mission is shown here with from left Daniel Kert, Al Green and Max Sharp during a tour of the Sinai. The mission, led by businessman Koffler, spent 10 days visiting the Holy Land.

A moment's silence is observed in honor of the late David Ben-Gurion at Yotvata by Paul Malone, Canada's ambassador to Israel, Mrs. Malone, Abe Tenkin, secretary of the kibbutz, Mrs. John Bassett and John Bassett, Toronto communications entrepeneur.

Soviet strategy arouses fear

WASHINGTON (JCNS) – Apprehension over a new Soviet long-range strategy is growing among diplomats here, writes Charles Fenyvesi. They are concerned with Soviet penetration of the Middle East and Soviet endorsement of a Palestinian State centring on the West Bank led by Yasir Arafat and other Palestine Liberation Organization elements.

In conversations with colleagues, Soviet diplomats here draw a parallel between the original Soviet assessment of the need to set up a Jewish state and Soviet recognition now to set up a Palestinian entity "without which no Middle East settlement is possible."

One veteran European diplomat observer of the Kremlin called the Palestinian issue "Russia's guided missile," threatening the Geneva peace conference later this month and a final settlement. Various diplomatic sources cite a number of likely purposes behind Soviet interest in a Palestinian entity. The first is to set up another basis for Soviet influence, holding in check Israel and Jordan as well as Egypt. Secondly, to prevent any further United States gains in Arab lands after an Israeli-Egyptian settlement, and thirdly, to bolster the image of the USSR as the true patron of Arab nationalism and liberation movements.

Some observers here contrast Russia's new enthusiasm for Palestinians with China's significant reduction of her aid to extreme Leftish Arab elements.

Soviet Jews' plight worse than ever

NEW YORK (JCNS) – The presidents of New York's five boroughs learned in a telephone conversation with two activist Jews in Moscow that "things are worse than before" in the harassment of people wishing to emigrate to Israel and that a mass trial of Moscow Jews was being prepared by the Soviet authorities. Alexander Lunts, a leading Soviet physicist, and Vladimir Slepak, and the prominent scientist who has been waiting three years for an emigration permit, emphasized to the borough presidents that it is essential to support the Jackson - Mills - Vanik legislation in the American Congress to deny most favored nation trade status to the Soviet Union unless she allows free emigration.

The borough presidents who took part in the 20-minute telephone conversation from the New York City Hall were Robert Adams, of The Bronx; Percy Sutton, of Manhattan; Sebastian Leone, of Brooklyn; Donald Manes of Queens; and Robert Connor of Richmond.

Sutton, a Negro, told the Soviet Jews that he spoke for 1,600,000 Manhattan constituents when he said that he would do all in his power to ease their plight.

Lunts said that there is considerably more harassment of Jews in the Soviet Union. He reported that Alexander Feldman, of Kiev, had been sentenced to 3 1/2 years' imprisonment on Friday "for nothing." Feldman had been charged with "malicious hooliganism."

In the Urals town of Sverdlovsk, Lunts said the trial of a high school teacher whose name had been give as Leonid Zabelishensky, was continuing.

In Moscow, he said, Jews were being warned to attend another trial which was being prepared. The Jews have been accused of "distributing anti-Soviet literature."

Lunts declared that the charges were "all lies." He also reported that the Goldstein brothers, Grigory and Isay, in Tbilisi, were "in great danger." The brothers face charges of "slandering the Soviet State and social order."

The executive director of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, which sponsored the New York telephone call to Moscow, said that the Soviet Union was "taking advantage of events in the Middle East."

Dr. Gal-Or new aliyah director

NEW YORK – The appointment of Dr. Yaacov Gal-Or as director of the Youth Aliyah office in the United States and Canada has been announced by Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American section of the World Zionist Organization. Dr. Gal-Or, on leave from the ministry of education and culture of Israel where he is principal of Junior High School Or-Yehuda near Lod, succeeds Mordecai Peled who has completed a two-year stay in this country.

Israel's 'The Quiet Man' rising fast in influence since ceasefire talks

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV – If anyone in Israel deserves the title "The Quiet Man," it's Brig-Gen. Aharon Yaariv (reserves) who was catapaulted once more into the limelight when he was designated Israel's special envoy to the talks with the Egyptians at Kilometre 101 in Egypt.

And if anybody deserves watching very closely, it is this same short soft-spoken former chief of military intelligence. For Aharon (Arali) Yaariv is going places.

Yaariv left the army last year to become "special adviser to the prime minister," relishing the idea of being a civilian. "To get parking tickets, to be pushed in the streets is a pleasure," he told one journalist then.

The Yom Kippur War ended that idyll abruptly when he was quickly called back and made "special adviser to the chief of staff."

From that day he virtually lived in his small office at general headquarters in Tel Aviv. A camp bed next to his desk was in use much more than his bed at home. His meals became sandwiches prepared by his office staff. And he always found time to say softly "please" and "thank you," when they were given to him. In between the rushed meals he downed draughts of tea with lemon or milk and munched furiously on chocolates. His face is now well known throughout the country and indeed throughout most of the world. His immaculate uniformed figure appears on countless television screens as he marches into the UN tent at Km. 101.

Other generals in Israel's army would give their shooting hand for the publicity Arali gets.

When top diplomats and journalists arrive here Yaariv is a must on their "list of top people to see." Whether for an on-the-record interview or accurate background information — it's Yaariv they want.

And it's Yaariv the ladies want too — every would-be top-notch hostess feels she will have the mostest if he will come to her soiree or cocktail party. When he passes through the crowd, heads come closer together and the talk turns to "how nice a gentleman" he is.

Brig.-Gen. Aharon Yaariv

Yet he remains as shy as ever, when complimented he starts to blush and mumbles that his staff deserve the kudos more than he does.

Above all he is a "macher" as opposed to the myriads of "schleppers," one meets in the army and the civil service.

When offered a top foreign ministry post he reportedly turned it down because he wanted to do things rather than be a mouthpiece. When offered the job of Israeli envoy to the U.S. he turned that down because he did not want to leave Israel.

It's a far cry from his native Latvia where he lived from his birth 53 years ago until he was 15.

Then he came to Israel and started his military career, first with the British army where he quickly made captain and then with the Haganah and later the Israel defence forces.

Between 1957 and 1960, he was military attache at the Israeli embassies in Washington and Ottawa.

Then he took over military intelligence and welded it into the fantastic unit it is today. There was no failure of military intelligence in collecting information prior to the latest war -- instead a failure to correctly interpret and judge possibilities. This was out of Yaariv's field at the time he left the intelligence apparatus in smooth working condition.

So much for his past. His future is surprisingly uncertain — at least to where exactly he is going.

Officially he is a prospective member of the Israeli Knesset on behalf of the Labor Alignment. This is a certainty. Golda very quickly snapped him up the minute it became possible (if not before).

To waste such a mind would be virtually criminal so the question remains what to do with it. He could carry on being "special advisor" to the prime minister but a cabinet position would suit him best.

His army career gives him a good basis to be defence minister, his intelligence career and experience at negotiations (acquired when he very actively participated in the recent ceasefire talks with Kissinger and Sisco) stand him in good stead for the foreign ministry portfolio. It's just wait and see now.

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Student places notice on bulletin board in the Buttery, kosher cafeteria at the York University Steeles campus. The cafeteria is believed to be the first kosher facility in Canada or the United States run by a university.

Early enrolment high at Leo Baeck

TORONTO –

Within the first few days of registration at The Leo Baeck School, Canada's first Reform Jewish day school scheduled to open next September, 30 families had signified they would be sending their children. The school, which will open on premises adjacent to Temple Emanu-El, is prepared to accept 100 pupils.

Kindergarten, grades one and two, as well as grade three if enrolment warrants it, will begin with what David Steinhauer, school executive administrator, calls "a child-centred learning environment which makes it possible for children to progress at a rate commensurate with their ability, inclination and interest."

The school is named after Rabbi Leo Baeck (1873-1956) who vowed he would remain in his native Germany until the last "minyan" during the Holocaust. It will encourage use of progressive techniques while, meanwhile, also employing proven pedagogic methods.

David Steinhauer

"In addition to meeting fully the academic prescriptions set by the ministry of education," Steinhauser told **The Canadian Jewish News**, "we hope that with careful staff selection and a high priority given to Jewish and Hebrew studies and to a Reform Jewish religious orientation, it will be possible to achieve a commitment to the highest ideals of Reform Judaism, and a positive identification with Jewish life in general."

One method by which this latter will be attempted, he continued, is by accepting pupils whose parents are affiliated with any Jewish congregation, be it Reform, Conservative or Orthodox.

"If it is worthwhile, however, making an effort to insure the survival of Judaism, in general, and Liberal Judaism in particular, it would appear the type of educational program we are advocating has a significant role to play in our Canadian-Jewish society.

"... If the school is successful it may serve as a prototype for the Reform movement throughout the country," Steinhauer said.

The Leo Baeck School was launched June 13 when 130 parents from Toronto's four Reform congregations met at Temple Emanu-El and enthusiastically supported the concept. The school was incorporated Aug. 21 and Steinhauer, a prominent educational and community leader, was named executive administrator shortly afterwards.

Barbara Pollack takes reins

New life granted to centre

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –

The Jewish Community Centre here is about to take on a new lease of life. Barbara Pollack, who will be taking over next month as president of the JCC board of directors following the resignation some time ago of Dr. Sol Levin, is enthusiastic at the prospect of things to come.

"We anticipate a tremendous revitalizing of activities," says Mrs. Pollack. "We badly needed new blood at the centre and now that new professionals are being added to the staff, we expect great things to happen."

With the exception of the appointment of 27-year-old Michael Chevrs, a former high school teacher from Niagara Falls, Ont. as the centre's new physical education director, some of the changes are not yet complete but Mrs. Pollack says "things are going ahead beautifully."

Mrs. Pollack's own involvement with the centre goes back a long way to the day of the dedication of its building on Delaware St. in 1950 when, as a teenager, she represented Hamilton youth. Since then she has always been involved in volunteer work in a leadership capacity of one sort or another.

She is currently chairman of the Hamilton women's division of Israel Bonds. Until her appointment as president, she was secretary of the JCC board of directors. She was chairman of the youth division, chairman of Jewish Social Services for the former Council of Jewish Organizations, past president of Nordau Chapter of Hadassah, past president of Hamilton B'nai B'rith Women and district executive board member of B'nai B'rith Women.

Mrs. Pollack describes herself as "very active and kind of involved" and adds, almost apologetically, that she also has a full-time job as branch secretary of the Crown Life Insurance Co. Since her husband, Bill, is the owner of a bridge club and therefore busy most evenings, Mrs. Pollack finds that her activities in no way interfere with her home life. Her two sons are grown, 20-year-old Jay is in an advertizing course at Mohawk College and 18-year-old Ricky has just arrived in Israel, where he has been assigned to work on a kibbutz near Haifa.

Meetings held as catalyst

VANCOUVER –

In order to reactivate community work on behalf of Soviet Jewry, a conference was held in Calgary of Western and Pacific Region Soviet Jewry representatives. Sydney M. Harris, chairman and Leah Feinman, coordinator, National Committee for Soviet Jewry, met in Vancouver with concerned people. Y. Rager, Israeli consul in charge of Eastern European Affairs, also participated in the meeting which was held at the Jewish Community Centre. I. Wolfe, chairman, Pacific Region, conducted the meeting.

On Friday evening Harris spoke to the Reform congregation on the current Soviet Jewry situation. Rager spoke to the Conservative congregation, and also to the Orthodox congregation on Saturday morning.

In Calgary, a reception was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kettner for people from out of town who would be attending the conference of Soviet Jewry representatives. Rager addressed the conference which was chaired by Morley Greene.

Manuel Shacter elected to 'Y' post

MONTREAL –

Manuel Shacter is the new president of the Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, and Neighbourhood House Services. He takes over leadership of the association, numbering some 24,000 members, from Jack Engels, who served as president from 1971 – 1973.

Shacter's first involvement in the 'Y' was on the Board of Management of Country Camp, and subsequently, became its chairman. He served the association on the board of directors, and as chairman of the budget committee.

For the past two years, he has acted as chairman of the executive committee.

The following slate of officers was presented, and approved, at the annual meeting:

First vice-president, Howard Cooper; vice-presidents, Norman Keesal, Bud Kirmayer, Max Mendelsohn, Mrs. Leo Rosentzveig; treasurer, William B. Miller; secretaries, Mrs. Harry Halton and Lyon D. Cohen; immediate past president, Jack Engels.

Award nominees are invited

From our Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –

Hamilton's Jewish Community Centre is inviting nominations for the Max Rotman Humanitarian Youth Award, which will be presented at the centre on February 10, 1974. Guest speaker will be His Excellency Joseph F. Ryan, former bishop of Hamilton.

This will be the fifth annual presentation of the award, which is sponsored jointly by the Jewish Community Centre and the city of Hamilton. The award is given to a young person between the ages of 14 and 19 "for his or her cheerful dedication to fellow man and the performance of some outstanding humane service, and who otherwise conducts him or herself in an outstanding way."

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Syrian murder of war prisoners demands worldwide denunciation

The crimes of "murder and mutilation" have been charged against Syria and the Israeli authorities have photographs to prove it. Twenty-eight Israeli soldiers, taken prisoner by the Syrians on the Golan Heights, were murdered in cold blood.

This monstrous crime calls for worldwide denunciation. So far, there has been little outcry from the so-called civilized world. Israel has produced proof of these murders, including the localities where the crimes were committed. The UN Secretary General, Kurt Waldheim, and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva also were given photos of the victims, all with their hands bound behind their back.

When one looks back over the recent history of Syria, it is obvious that the principles of humanity and decency are foreign to a country where public hangings are staged for the ...dification of the masses. The murder of 28 prisoners of war is in keeping with the twisted mentality of a barbaric people.

Syria has refused to exchange Israeli prisoners of war for the far greater number of Syrian soldiers held by Israel. The United Nations and the International Red Cross should lose no time in demanding of Syria that she abide by the Geneva Convention regarding prisoners of war.

As far as the proposed peace conference at Geneva is concerned, Israel should refuse to attend unless Syria agrees to an exchange of prisoners -- if there are any Israeli captives alive.

If Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has his way, Israel will not sit down with the Syrians at Geneva unless a list of Israeli prisoners is given to the International Red Cross and representatives of that organization are permitted to interview the prisoners and report on their state of health.

Mr. Dayan made this view known during the course of a CBS press interview in New York. Asked if he was expressing a personal view or the government's policy, he said it was a personal view "but I hope the cabinet will accept my recommendation."

Arab ambition to eliminate Israel should not be forgotten at Geneva

The fact that a peace conference is scheduled for Geneva this month should not obscure the "destroy Israel" goal of the Arab world. The human memory is inclined to be short when it comes to international affairs; we are apt to forget what was said and done only a few months ago, let alone over a period of years.

Gamel Abdel Nasser is in his grave but his words live on in the Arab consciousness. Said the then president of Egypt in 1965: "The Arab national aim is the elimination of Israel." Just like that. Nothing confusing about that statement, no double-talk, no attempt to generalize. What Nasser proclaimed as Arab policy still is Arab policy and the world in general, and Western Europe in particular, should not forget it.

The Egyptian--Syrian sneak attack on Yom Kippur day had no limited objective, such as obtaining a foothold in Sinai. It was launched with the purpose of eliminating Israel as a nation, and it came perilously close to achieving this objective. They failed to reach the heartland of Israel because she possessed defensible borders. One doesn't have to possess a particularly vivid imagination to figure out what would have happened had Israel been confined within the strait-jacket boundaries of pre-1967.

Fed by oil millions, the Arab propaganda apparatus has attempted to delude the Western world that the Arab states want nothing more than restoration of the old boundaries and a solution of the Palestinian question. Israel, stripped of defensible borders and forced to rely on international guarantees for her safety, would be ripe for annihilation.

Has any Arab leader repudiated the Nasser statement? Arab propaganda attempts to disguise the goal of ultimate destruction of Israel, but the dismal record speaks for itself. Hatred of Israel can only be satisfied by elimination of Israel.

Al Ahram is regarded as the semi-official voice of the Egyptian government. This is what that newspaper said in February, 1971: "There are only two specific Arab objectives at this time: The elimination of the consequences of the aggression of 1967 by means of the Israeli withdrawal from all the lands which they occupied that year, and the elimination of the consequences of the aggression of 1948 by means of the eradication of Israel."

Nasser said it all in fewer words, but **Al Ahram** put some flesh on the bare bones of his statement. First, get Israel back into its militarily vulnerable condition which existed prior to the 1967 war, and then "eradicate the Zionist state."

What is at stake today is not the size of Israel, or the future of Jerusalem, or the rights of the Palestinians. What is at stake is Israel's existence. To believe otherwise is to ignore the bitter lessons of history.

Living in fool's paradise'

Our utmost support is required if warning by physicist correct

Prof. William Loew is a theoretical physicist of international repute and when he speaks his mind, as he did recently, he commands a wide audience. Among other activities, he teaches at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Scientists have a reputation, largely undeserved, for using language that is far over the head of the layman. Not so Prof. Loew. Invited by the press service of The World Zionist Organization to give his reactions and views in the wake of the Yom Kippur War, Prof. Loew proceeded to do so in candid, forthright fashion.

Prof. Loew criticized the government for not having a policy that gears Israeli scientists directly to the security and defence effort and he warned the country is vulnerable to grave dangers if the scientific ability and know-how is not exploited.

But this is not the chief criticism the professor has to level at the Israeli Establishment. He very forthrightly takes some shots at the economic state of the nation, asserting that Israelis have been living in a fool's paradise, have been wasteful and have not concentrated on increasing productive capacity for export. He doesn't paint a promising picture for the days ahead. Unless there is a strict wartime economy regime and a reorganization of economic life and production in what he calls "a more rational and realistic fashion," an economic debacle will result.

Prof. Loew looks with alarm at what he calls "the disappearance of the moral-social basis" that existed in the past. He says it's "much easier to be a hero on the battlefield than in the economic sphere," and he condemns "the wild pursuit after luxuries and luxurious dwellings."

Prof. Loew sounds like a thoroughgoing pessimist, if not an alarmist, but there are many economists and social scientists who think as he does. Israelis are suffering from cultural shock with the realisation that their life style in some respects no longer serves them well. The Yom Kippur War brought home to the Israelis their deepening isolation in the world community. Prof. Loew calls Israel "a ghetto among the nations."

It is a time for self-examination, for soul-searching, and out of it all, hopefully, will come a rededication to those principles on which the state was founded.

Now, as never before, an embattled Israel needs our utmost support, for if Prof. Loew is correct in his basic assumptions — and there is much evidence to support them — the wounds are deep and the healing process will be a difficult one. This is why our efforts must continue unabated. We must not, dare not, relax, for to do so would aid our enemies and make us guilty of a breach of faith.

During the Yom Kippur War, Bedouins proved to be trusted allies of Israel, writes Moshe Ron, CJN Jerusalem Correspondent. (IPPA)

Bedouin prove friendliness through their war efforts

By MOSHE RON
CJN Jerusalem Correspondent

JERUSALEM –

During the war, Israeli Bedouin proved to be trusted allies of Israel. They volunteered for military duties, civilian jobs, work on kibbutzim and put their trucks and private cars at the disposal of the authorities.

Giora Zeid, who is a member of the government, responsible for the work of the Bedouin, told us: "I can only praise the heroism of the Bedouin during the war. They established a united committee which organized voluntary work. They collected a large sum of money for the Voluntary War Loan. Even older Bedouin, living on government social welfare, came forward and gave money for the loan.

An old, invalid Bedouin gave $100. When asked the reason for his gesture, since he was poor and living on social welfare, he explained: "During many years I have lived on money given to me by my government. Now the government needs money and it is my duty to repay some of it."

Two Bedouin widows, whose husbands had been killed while soldiers serving in border patrols, brought hundreds of Israeli pounds. Even small Bedouin children gave money from their savings. The Bedouin did not ask for receipts.

The Negev Bedouin collected over $50,000 for the loan. Sheikh Mustafa Salach Tabash of the El-Halaf tribe told us: "We Bedouin consider ourselves an integral part of Israel. The Arab aggression was not only directed against the state of Israel but also against us. Their fighter pilots could not distinguish between you and us in their bombing. We can well imagine our fate had the Arabs won the war; how they would have treated us, after our children had served in the Israeli army and had guarded Israel's borders. We know this only too well and, therefore, we have helped Israel's war effort with all our modest means. All the Bedouins were of the opinion that we had to do this. We understood that the fate of Israel was our fate too. We are very thankful that the Israeli authorities treat us as equal citizens and care for our vital needs and well-being. During the war we were received very warmly in the kibbutzim and factories and we felt that we were all a part of one big family."

Bedouin Hussein Abdul Karim Hadjagra, of Moshav Bethlehem in the Galilee, has 34 children by three wives - 18 daughters and 16 sons. The oldest is married and has five children. Two daughters are also married and have seven children. The family owns 150 dunams of land and receives $100 per month in national insurance. The land was given to them by the authorities. Twenty-eight of the children are under the age of 18 and are still at school.

The father of this family told us he thought Jews were more practical. They have two or three children on average per family, and this does not impose too heavy a burden on the parents. "My situation is difficult," he said. "I have to keep 34 children. It is not easy to provide food and clothing for all of them. I intended marrying a fourth wife but I am afraid this will bring more children into the house and what am I going to do then?"

ask the rabbi

Swimming pool usage allowed despite ruling against rivers

1. Is it permitted to use a home swimming-pool on Shabbat, provided that filtering and heating are carried out beforehand or activated by a pre-set automatic programer?

The Mishnah (Betzah 5:2) rules that it is forbidden on Yomtov and Shabbat to swim "on the surface of the water." However, from a discussion in the Talmud (Sabbath 40b–41a) it is clear that the phrase "on the surface of the water" means a river or a pool, the water of which reaches to its edges and so is like a river in that the water flows away. A pool which contains the water like our swimming-pools is treated as if it were a huge vessel in which it is permitted to swim. This is the ruling given in the Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chayim 339:2).

2. I often see advertisements for a "shiur". What is a shiur?

The word shiur in the Talmud means a fixed amount, a definite quantity. In yeshiva circles the term is used for the lecture by the head of the yeshiva since the lecture takes place at a given time and has a more or less fixed duration. The word is thus now used for a lecture on the Talmud or on some other classical Jewish work.

3. How can a refrigerator be used on Shabbat without infringing the din?

The usual practice is to permit the opening and closing of the door of the refrigerator on Shabbat. Even though the flow of the current is affected, this is not purposive and so falls under the heading of an unintentional act which is permitted on Shabbat. However, pious Jews remove the light bulb from the refrigerator before Shabbat.

Prolific poet strives to give community his maximum

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL –

Not 50 yards from the wind and rush of the Montreal Decarie Expressway, in a house of quiet and light and warmth, lives an 80-year-old man who has travelled through five continents and 70 countries, and who is among the most prolific Yiddish writers the Jewish people have known.

"Ravitch is a poet and also a man of organization - not a usual combination" said his wife and companion of many years, Rachel Eisenberg Ratvich, who recounted stories and filled in background, while Ravitch listened and spoke as well.

"He believes he has a mission: to live materially at a minimum, but for others, for the community – to take the maximum out of himself."

Melech Ravitch has published 15 volumes of poetry, a book of essays called Jewish Thought in the Twentieth Century, two autobiographic volumes with a third just recently completed, a 600-profile encyclopedia of Jewish writers, all known personally, and many many articles which he still continues to contribute to Yiddish newspapers and periodicals around the world.

In Montreal, Ravitch has been an initiator and catalyst of Yiddish literary, educational and cultural activities, such as the Yiddish Folk University for Adults, which existed for 13 years, some seasons giving as many as 15 courses in four languages with an attendance of 300 people.

The celebration of Ravitch's 80th birthday, held recently at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, was the most recent of many honors bestowed on the poet by the Montreal Jewish community, in recognition of his contributions to Yiddish culture in Canada.

The Saturday evening celebration coincided with an exhibition called A Tribute to **Melech Ravitch**, held the same week at the Montreal Jewish Public Library. The library display traced the poet's life and writings through documents, books and maps in Yiddish, Hebrew, English and French – the four languages in addition to German in which Ravitch's works have been anthologized.

Born Zekharye Bergner in Radymno, East Galicia, Ravitch's life of uprootedness and wandering began when he left home at 14. His 20's were spent in Vienna and at various fronts during the First World War; his 30's in Warsaw where he was co-founder of the Yiddish section of the International PEN (Poets, Essayists, Novelists) Club in London. After 1934 he never returned to Eastern Europe, for, in his own words, it had become "unbearable".

Further odysseys swept the poet on to Australia, South America, Israel and finally to Canada, where he has been a citizen, and a resident of Montreal, since 1941.

There were practical reasons for settling in Montreal: "It was impossible in those war years to get a visa to the States – it was much easier to obtain one to Canada. And from Montreal it was easy for Ravitch to communicate with his many colleagues in New York", explained the poet's wife.

But beyond practicality, there was something about Montreal that quieted the wanderlust in Ravitch. "Montreal was a wonderful place to be during the terrible Second World War", he said.

The city's Jewish community was responsive to his ideas and initiatives, while the multilingual nature of Montreal served him as a living example of the right of every man to express himself in his own tongue, and encouraged him to continue writing in Yiddish.

The poet saw and still sees Montreal as an excellent place for Jews and for Jewish cultural development.

The "Jewish question" prevails in the eight hours of reading and writing which now constitute Ravitch's working-day. He says: "Because the Jews suffer so much, I have to write about them."

Melech Ravitch has received many awards, two of the most recent being the 1972 Manager Prize for Yiddish Literature, awarded in Tel Aviv by the former president of Israel, Zalman Shazar, and other notables; and in 1970, the Canadian J.I. Segal Foundation Award for Literature.

Letters to the Editor

It is hoped Congress Archives Committee will correct badly recorded Jewish history

Dear Editor:

May I offer a correction to Doris Newman's column Remember When.

The Judean Literary Club was organized around 1900 and not 1908. The only other groups at that time was the Daughters of Zion and the Sons and Daughters of Zion. The latter functioned a very short time. Also the Jewish Boys Progressive Club operated to help counteract delinquency.

I find today, as a long, long communal worker, in our city, many similarly, wrongly reported items. Regretfully it is being carried forward in this way as the past history of Jewish Toronto's downtown is recorded. I hope that our newly formed Congress Archives Committee will be in the authoritive position soon, to set things right.

Ida L. Siegel,
Toronto

Fund head thanked

Dear Editor:

The reports in your paper of the tremendous fund-raising activities of the Jewish communities in Toronto, running into many millions, and of the fine leadership of Ben Schneider, the executive vice-president of the Welfare Fund, brings to mind the incredible advance in our community in less than 40 years.

There are only three of us left of the original group that organized combined fund-raising in Toronto under the United Jewish Welfare Fund in the 30s. They are Arthur Cohen, who is well into his 90s, and Ben Sadowski, our first president, who is unfortunately ill at home, and the writer. The others who worked hard to bring it about, have passed on. They are the late Bernard Vise, Samuel Godfrey, J. Irving Oelbaum, and Samuel J. Zacks.

Just think of it, in our first combined campaign, which included not only the agencies that are now included in the United Jewish Appeal, but also the local agencies included in the United Fund, and the Labor Zionist Campaign, we were delighted to raise the sum of $160,000. That was more money than all the agencies in their individual campaigns has raised the year before.

Now the same community talks in terms of $20 million, and $25 million! The reason for the tremendous improvement must be more than the increase in population, and the increase in the opulence of the Jewish community. It lies in the fact that we were fortunate in having the young people take over leadership and carry on.

I would like, through you, to extend our best wishes and congratulations to Ben Schneider for a job that is being well done. What is expected of him is a far cry from the job that was to be done by the late Harold Altshull, whom we brought from New York, as our first executive director.

Henry S. Rosenberg,
Tucson, Arizona.

Stand defended

Dear Editor:

As one of the individuals whom Celia Airst calls self-righteous and hypocritical for daring to suggest that there might be other "Principles for Peace" in the Middle East than those officially dispensed by the leadership of our local Jewish community and those who supposedly speak on behalf of world Jewry, let me bring Uncle Eliezer and his favorite nephew to my defence.

In the last paragraph of last week's column, J.B. Salsberg makes the comment: "Aren't all our Bathurst Streets throughout the world Israel's second line of defence?" I agree. As a resident of one of the Bathurst Streets and as a defender of Israel I don't consider it self-righteous and hypocritical to question the policies of Israel; to ask whether there was anything that Israel could have done differently that might have helped prevent bloodshed of this last war. And, I and the others who signed the letter in question are not alone. In Israel, too, there is questioning.

We who disagree with official policy refuse to be Jews of Silence. To make ourselves heard, and yes, perhaps to be proven wrong, is part of our moral obligation to the ethics of Judaism and lessons of Jewish history.

Gerry Kane,
Don Mills

Peace for all

Dear Editor:

Regarding the article by Marcia Kretzmer entitled Orchestra concert-goers get an unusual program (Nov. 30, 1973) in which you said those who speak a common human language would have friendship . . . But peace must be for everyone!

Elaine Freeman,
St. Catharines

Men who fought face economic problems

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT –

From floor to floor, from office to office, the cry echoed throughout the building: "Shmulik is back. Schmulik is back."

Shmulik, our popular curly-haired maintenance man, was badly wounded in a Sinai tank battle and, for several weeks, it was touch and go with him. But finally he pulled through and now is recuperating in an army rest home. He came by the other day to say hello, and to assure us that he would be back on the job "as soon as those doctors let me go."

In the two months since Shmulik was called up, and in the weeks or months that will go by until he is able to resume full-time work, his family has not suffered nor will it suffer economically. His army pay is supplemented by a special grant from the company for which he works, so that his wife has been able to pay grocery bills on time and even buy winter clothing for the children.

Not every reservist is as fortunate as Shmulik. Lying across the aisle from him at the Negev Central Hospital was Avraham, also a tank man, also badly burned. But in one respect they are different. Shmulik, in civilian life, is a salaried employee; Avraham, when not in uniform, is an independent businessman.

For the last five years, Avraham has operated two thriving roadside steak grills in the Tel Aviv area, which provided him with a steady income and his family with a relatively high standard of living.

When war broke out, Avraham and his countermen were called up and the grills were forced to close down. But Avraham's expenses have continued. He still has to pay $1,000 a month in rent, as well as paying back the substantial loans he took last year to buy new equipment.

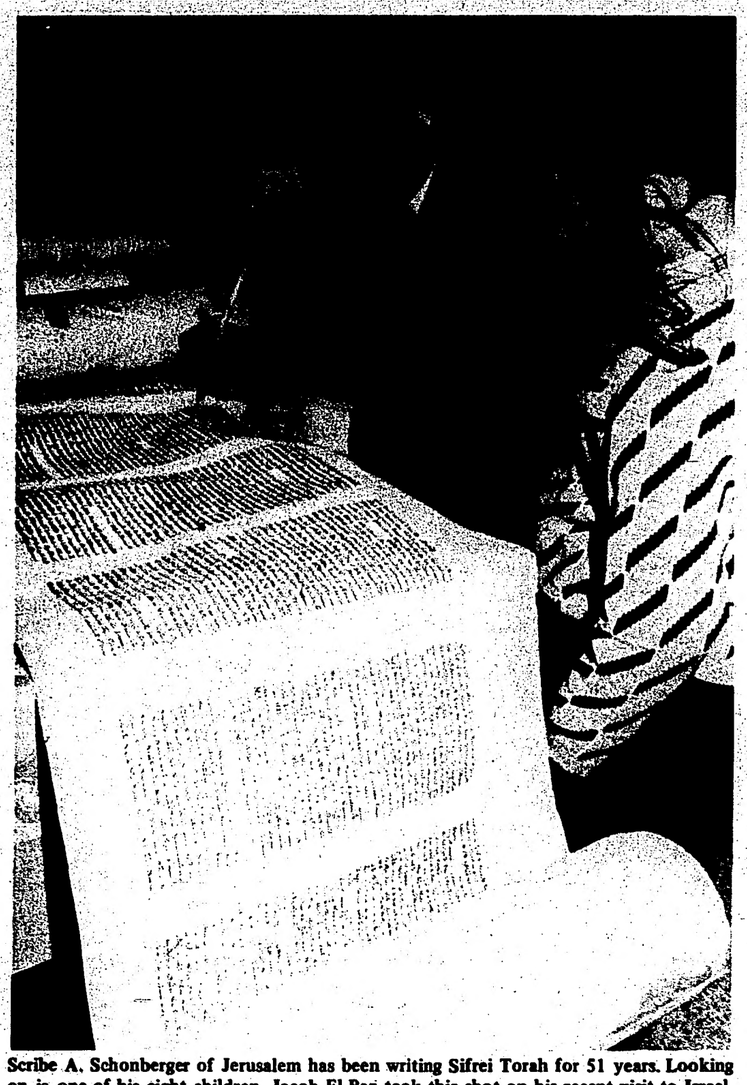
In a couple of months, Avraham will probably be well enough to go back to work. But he may not have any work to do. His savings have been eaten away and there is no one to compensate him for the profits he has failed to make.

The same "discrimination" exists in the farming sector of Israel's economy. Even though many kibbutz members were called up, the kibbutzim were able, albeit with some difficulty, to maintain their agricultural and industrial production. Members were shifted from one job to another, and volunteers helped by taking on some of the tasks which didn't require special skills.

In the moshavim, or smallholders' settlements, these arrangements were not possible. When husbands and sons were called up, there was seldom anyone available to take their place on the individual farms. At a moshav just outside Rehovot, for example, a field of lettuce which would have brought in $5,000 remained unpicked and was finally burned brown by the sun. In another moshav, near Haifa, large flocks of chickens and turkeys were decimated because the village wives, overworked and distracted, did not take the necessary precautionary measures against poultry diseases.

The same story is apparent on the main street of our town. While most enterprizes remain open, some are shut as they have been since early October. The radio repair shop is closed because its owner is on the Golan Heights; just down the road, a hardware store is shuttered tight because the proprietor is in Sinai and his wife — eight months pregnant — can't operate it by herself. Sometimes an office may remain open but still be paralyzed: when a lawyer is called up, his secretaries are left with little to do but answer the telephone; when an architect becomes an artilleryman, the girls in his office who do the drafting are soon without anything to draw.

The ministry of labor, in co-operation with the defence forces and various economic bodies, has set up special boards to recommend the demobilization of key personnel. But this is more likely to help big enterprizes than small businessmen. The army, which still must keep a large proportion of the reserves under arms, may understand the need to release a foreman essential to a large electronics factory, but it will hardly be impressed by the pleas of a man threatened with bankruptcy because his roadside steak grills remain closed.



Scribe A. Schonberger of Jerusalem has been writing Sifrei Torah for 51 years. Looking on is one of his eight children. Jacob El-Baz took this shot on his recent visit to Israel.

Ben-Gurion: His place in history

By J.B. SALSBERG

(First of Two Parts)

Standing, some three years ago, in front of the modest frame house, which he occupied as a member of Kibbutz Sde Boker, David Ben-Gurion pointed with pride to the shade tree that grew at the entrance to what was to be his last residence and said to me:

"You see this tree, the grass all around us and the green fields beyond? All this is a result of our labor, of Jewish labor. Before we came not a blade of grass grew here since creation."

Now the physical remains of that historic personality is forever united with the arid soil of the Negev; a tiny portion of which he helped to transform into a thriving agricultural kibbutz and centre of culture and study.

Sde Boker has thus become a symbol and a challenge. I am sure than Ben-Gurion, with a flair for the dramatic, envisioned it that way. The selection of Kibbutz Sde Boker as his last resting place was his way of giving enduring expression to the basic aims and aspirations that guided him throughout his long, stormy and fruitful life. I'm also certain the message of the desert kibbutz will be heard, loud and clear, throughout the ancient land and among many young Jews elsewhere in the world.

But all that is yet to come.

For the present, words of praise will flow from the lips of speakers at countless memorial meetings and from the pens of editorial writers and commentators.

BG with JB in Israel

This will be followed by a longer period of erudite and not-so-erudite attempts to determine the size of the hallowed space that should be reserved for Ben-Gurion in our Jewish pantheon"

These predictions are grounded on a reasonable knowledge of Jewish affairs, an acquaintanceship with the ways of mortal man generally and, above everything, an awareness of Ben-Gurion's public life. For the first prime minister and first minister of defence of Israel was a man of many parts. He combined the gifts of a dreamer with the talents of a dynamic man of action. He was a national leader who could become acutely partisan and a party head who could rise above party interests. Throughout it all he was not free of human frailties in his relationships with people who shared the political stage with him.

Followers of the renowned Vladimir (Zev) Zhabotinsky, the spiritual and political leader of the "Revisionist" wing of the world Zionist movement (of which the present Herut Party of Israel is heir) are still filled with bitter memories of Ben-Gurion's treatment of their leader whom they revere. Ben-Gurion denied that his was anything but an ideological and political battle with Zabotinsky and the Revisionists. Indeed, he made some very complimentary remarks to me about Menachem Begin, the present leader of the Revisionist movement. But few -- even in Ben-Gurion's own party -- will deny their leader carried forward his battle (some called it a vendetta) against Zabotinsky unnecessarily into the period, long after Zabotinsky's death.

In Ben-Gurion's own political ranks there exists a lingering and bitter resentment against his harsh treatment of two of B.G.'s senior party and government co-workers; the late Moshe Sharet and the ailing Pinhas Lavon.

Editor's Note:
Our columnist's byline was inadvertently omitted from last week's article, for which apologies are due to Mr. Salsberg.

U.S. Jewry's population not growing

By RICHARD YAFFE

LONDON –

American Jewry has stopped growing. This is probably the most significant sociological fact produced in a study carried out on behalf of the council of Jewish federations and Welfare Funds. The United States' Jewish population is estimated at about 5,800,000 and is the largest in the world. There are probably more Jews living in the state of New York than in Israel.

Other disturbing facts revealed at the council's recent meeting in New Orleans is that apart from reaching a population plateau, the average age in the community is rising. One out of every nine Jews is now above the age of 65 and in 20 years it will be one out of six.

The drive towards higher education among American Jewry is reflected in the figures. Half of all Jews 25 years of age and older have had at least some university education, and 50% of the university-trained men and 30% of the women have had post graduate training.

The shift towards the professions has grown apace. Of the Jewish work force today, nearly a third are in the category of managers, administrators and owners of enterprizes, and about the same number are in the professional and technical category. If the trend to professions continues, the study says, Jews will soon become largely a professional people. With professionalization comes high mobility, and a loosening of communal ties.

While the highly educated Jews are rather well-to-do, there are significant numbers of poor Jews, mainly the elderly. Forty-four percent of the elderly Jews report incomes of less than $4,000 per year, considered the poverty level, and 13% have incomes of between $4,000 and $6,000.

An average of 5% of the Jewish households are headed by a divorced person, but this percentage is three times higher among those between 20 and 29 years old. The study warns this means the Jewish community faces the growing reality of a large number of female-headed households, with all the social problems this implies.

Twenty-three percent of all heads of Jewish households are foreign-born with memories of their European past; 58% are native-born but of foreign parents and know of Europe through them. Of parents between the ages of 20 and 30, more than half of these households are headed by second and third generation Americans, with an inevitable weakening of the Old World ties.

Fifty-three percent of all Jewish households have no synagogue affiliation and this percentage appears to be increasing. Of the synagogue-goers, 50% are Conservative, 20% Reform and 19% Orthodox. Among those between 30 and 39, the figures are 49% Conservative, 38% Reform and 11% Orthodox.

Kashruth observance is waning. Those observing Kashruth is 28% for all families, although this rises to 55% of families headed by foreign born heads, and falls to 24% among first generation native born and 7% for second generation American Jews.

Newcomers may lose some of their rights

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV –

Uzi Narkis, head of the Jewish Agency's Aliyah Department, has declared Israel needs "unconditional aliyah." Immigration in the wake of the Yom Kippur War, he said, cannot be conditional on the number of square metres in flats assigned to immigrants.

This could also be a gentle hint that there will be several cuts in privileges granted new olim.

A few weeks before Narkis made these remarks in Jerusalem, two separate sources told me drastic cuts were being mooted in immigrants' rights. "We need now only pioneers," one source quoted Narkis as saying.

Aliyah from Western countries has been dropping steadily over the past year and (discounting the floods of volunteers who will most certainly leave) is still plunging.

Consequently the various federations representing Western immigrants take very seriously any prospect of "immigrants' rights" being further lopped.

"We will most definitely fight any proposed curtailments in rights, just as we will fight any factor we consider detrimental to aliyah," said Mrs. Sonny Pergament, of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (ACCI) when the possibility of such moves was put to her.

She hoped that drastic meatures would be taken because "we need the immigrants now more than ever."

One recent amendment to the laws concerning immigrants' privileges comes into effect on Jan. 1 after having been postponed for six months. This will permit immigrants to import goods from their country of origin only or buy Israeli products. For many things this is reasonable; Israeli refrigerators and washing machines are competitive buys. But Israeli ovens, stereophonic equipment and electric heaters are either non-existence, low-grade or just not convenient for Westerners.

The answer which will doubtless come following that statement is that "newcomers must adjust and must be pioneers."

To be a pioneer does not mean that difficulties must be placed in one's way or problems left uncleared because of a closed-circuit mind which makes the rules, AACI officials feel.

It is generally agreed that this country needs immigrants or it will die; the Jewish state will sink back into the sands from whence it rose.

Immigrants are pouring in from many lands where Jews feel persecuted. But immigrants from Canada, the United States and Britain do not want too great a drop in their living standard.

They reason that if permitted to come here and buy a range of goods tax-free and set themselves up more or less comfortably, then they can manage somehow on the low Israeli pay scale after the high taxes have been deducted.

If they can not get the tax-free goods or other breaks for their first few years, they may have second thoughts about coming.

It is all very well to say "pioneers only wanted" but there are not enough to manage -- a few non-pioneers must also come, for maybe their Sabra children will someday be called upon to man the guns along the borders.

One official in another Western immigrants' association mentioned immigration was so far down that they had to search out persons who wanted to take loans for mortgages and businesses.

One professor at the Tel Aviv University, Joan Flanders, came up with what could be an ideal solution, putting away for ever the problem of what "rights" to give new immigrants.

Her suggestion is simple: No tax-free concessions on newly-purchased goods for any immigrant - instead pay him a realistic rate of exchange for his foreign currency.

"After all," Prof. Flanders said when interviewed by The Canadian Jewish News, "the original idea was for the immigrant to make all purchases in foreign currency only."

In theory, this would do away with the endless bureaucracy, countless customs declarations and customs clearing processes that new immigrants have to endure -- money and time consuming events.

Veteran Israelis would then be unable to beef about special privileges of molly-coddled immigrants, a common complaint these days.

Eternal world Isaac's guide

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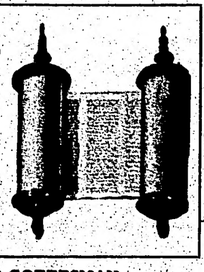

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Vayeshev Yaakov b'eretz mgurei aviv -- "And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan"

Poor forefather Jacob! He, like the rest of us, just wanted a little peace of mind, but he could never find it. In his youth he suffered from his brother Esau, when he married he was tricked by his father-in-law Laban, and in this week's parsha we begin the episode where his beloved son Joseph disappeared for 22 years.

Why should Jacob have to go through so much? Rashi explains that G-d says to the righteous (like Jacob): "Isn't it enough that you're going to receive such a great reward in the world to come, you also want to dwell peacefully in this world! . . ." But still the question remains - Isaac, who was Jacob's father, was also a righteous man. And although things weren't any bed of roses for Isaac, he had a reasonable calm life. So why should just Jacob have to go through so many crisis?

But the answer is that Jacob made a fatal mistake, a mistake his father Isaac avoided. For Isaac, olam hazeh, this world, counted for almost nothing. His whole life was a preparation for olam habah, the eternal world. His whole life he was just a ger, a sojourner, passing through. But as for Jacob, he wanted to make this world a "dwelling place," Vayeshev Yaakov, he gave this world and its attractions a permanence it does not have . . . and that's when he really started having trouble . . . (Kli Yakar)

They tell of the saintly Chofetz Chaim who was visited by a great philanthropist who wanted to ask him a rabbinical question. The man had travelled a great distance to see the famed rabbi, and was astonished how poorly the Chofetz Chaim lived. "Rabbi," he said, "such a great man like you should have more comfortable surroundings." The Chofetz Chaim answered, "do you have a nice home where you come from?" "Certainly," said the man. "And how about here in Radin, are your accommodations as nice?" "No," answered the man, "they're not. Here I'm just visiting, and I make the best with whatever I find." The Chofetz Chaim laughed, "I, too, am just passing through this world."

Don't get me wrong though. Judaism does not believe in asceticism. G-d wants us to enjoy the bounty that He has provided us with. But that's just the "kuntz" . . . To live in the world, to relate to the world, to know the world . . . and yet, with all that, to dedicate what we do to the Almighty! For this we need Maccabean strength. Shabbat Shalom.

'Shocking complacency' brought Israel close to annihilation, editor declares

By DAVID PELA
Deputy Editor, Jewish Chronicle

LONDON (JCNS) –

Few people abroad realize how close Israel came to annihilation in the first days of the Arab attack. Even in advance of the findings of the inquiry commission most Israelis agree that the shocking complacency of Israel's military leadership — from Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and General Elazar to local commanders in the field — left Israel's defences denuded as the nation went to prayer on the Eve of Atonement.

They believe that despite the clear evidence of massive Arab mobilization for days prior to the attack, local commanders, misled by military headquarters into believing there was no danger, left the country virtually defenceless by granting Yom Kippur leave to most of the troops.

Israel's first line of defence in Sinai, the much-vaunted Bar-Lev line had, it is alleged, only 300 men and seven tanks to hold the might of Egypt which, openly, had mobilized 100,000 men and thousands of tanks, guns and missiles across the narrow waterway. And many of the tanks in the second line of defence were without crews. The position was similar on the Golan Heights. In all, no more than 2,000 men stood on Israel's front lines and reinforcements could not get through for a couple of days.

The result, as the world knows, was the slaughter in Sinai and Golan of the finest of Israel's youth — nearly 2,000 officially dead, plus several hundred "missing" and undoubtedly also dead.

Israelis insist that the outcome could have been even more catastrophic if the Egyptian forces had thrust into Sinai after their initial successes instead of making the fatal mistake of sitting on their bridgehead and allowing themselves to be outmanoeuvred in the later stages of the battle.

Mistakes by Israel were equally serious. In Israel I learned that the plan to set the waters of the Canal alight for 24 hours should the Arabs attack, fizzled out because the vital fuel pipes were cut by the Egyptians. Was this super-intelligence work on the part of Cairo or, as has been suggested by some, the result of information passed to the enemy from Israel?

Israelis in the know insist that their defence chiefs were guilty of under-estimating Egyptian military potential and intelligence. For several years Egypt prepared for war by feeding all available data from the 1967 battles into computers and seeking the right answers.

They were undoubtedly helped by the vast number of disclosures on Israeli war strategy published in books after the 1967 war by Dayan and others who rushed into print in the belief that the Arabs would never learn how to fight. Was it necessary for the responsible authorities to give the Arabs so much vital information even during the euphoric inter-war period?

The Egyptian computers came up with the right answers — ground-to-air and anti-tank missiles, which played havoc with Israel's armor. But Israel's defence chiefs were aware of the new anti-tank missile used by infantry because, I was told in Israel, there is reference to them in the booklet entitled Know Your Enemy given to every Israeli soldier. Yet there were no counter-measures.

Complacency or outdated thinking may also have persuaded Israeli military planners to mobilize only 50% of the country's forces when the country was a hairsbreadth from annihilation, and to virtually ignore the infantry and paratroops who could have dealt with the missile-carrying Arab ground troops.

Believing that nothing much had changed since 1967 Israel's strategy was to place the entire emphasis on tank warfare. And it was among the courageous tank crews that most of Israel's casualties occurred.

On the West Bank of the Suez Canal I saw the vast tank graveyards, the charred and battered remnants of two armies which, in some places, had slogged it out only a couple of hundred yards apart. Again and again the Israeli tankmen proved their superiority, but Israelis feel that many of their casualties could have been avoided.

The alarming fact is that the earlier mobilization which might have deterred the Arabs was apparently never even considered by the cabinet. The crucial decisions were taken only by Golda Meir and her close military advisers.

As a result of the initial debacle the tendency in Israel now is to over-react to any sign that the Arabs might resume the fighting and alerts have become more frequent. Fortunately, the young troops manning the front lines are in good spirits and confident of coping with any new emergency. But they will for long remember those who nearly led them to the brink of disaster.

Organizations and People

By MIRIAM HERMAN

what's new...

CONFIRMATION CLASS TRIP

Incorporated into Temple Emanu'el's Confirmation program this year was a weekend trip to the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. The schedule included Sabbath services, a tour of the campus and the city, discussions on Reform Judaism and current issues, and a socio-drama presentation by rabbinical students about Reform atitude toward Jewish Law. The Cincinnati part of the program was supervised by rabbinical student Larry Englander and his wife Cheryl.

AUCTION SALE

There were so many items at last month's Pioneer Women's bazaar that it was impossible to auction everything there. So they are holding an auction sale Monday, Dec. 17, at the Labor Zionist Centre, Viewmount Ave. Some of the bargains up for bids will be jewelry, china, silver and appliances. Doors open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Admission is free.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY

At a recent meeting of the Ontario Region of the Rabbinical Assembly, the organization representing the Conservative rabbinate, a major part of its treasury, $2,000, was allocated for the purchase of Israel bonds. This was in keeping with the feeling of the rabbis that not only must individuals do their utmost to support Israel, but that all organizations have a similar obligation to use their treasury funds to do so.

BOROCHOV STUDENTS CONCERT

On Sunday, Dec. 23, the Borochov School students are holding their Chanukah concert to which parents, relatives, friends and members of the Borochov Movement are invited. There will be presentations of diplomas to Rochelle Cantor, Lila Goldlust, Rhonda Golinsky and Cindie Ludwig upon completion of their elementary grades, the distribution of awards and scholarships, and the valedictories in Yiddish, Hebrew and English delivered by the graduates. The concert begins at 10:15 a.m. in the school's main auditorium, Codsell Ave., Downsview.

ISRAELI FILM PREMIERE

The Israeli film **Kazablan** will have its Canadian premiere Monday, Dec. 17, at Montreal's Cinema Westmount Square. All proceeds of the evening (admission is by contribution to the Israel Emergency Fund) go to Israel. Two complete versions of the film were made, one in English and one in Hebrew. The English version was premiered in Hollywood this week, just prior to the Montreal presentation.

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

During the school vacation, Beth Tikvah Drama Guild is presenting **Aesop's Falables**, a rock musical spoofing the traditional Aesop's fables though skit and dance. Showtimes are Sunday, Dec. 23, Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 1 p.m. and 3:30 at the synagogue, Bayview Ave.

SINGLES SWINGLES

Beth Sholom Singles Swingles group is having a W.C. Fields Chanukah film festival (including refreshments) Sunday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, Eglinton Ave. W. for 21-35 year olds only (please). For information call the synagogue office.

LZA LECTURE SERIES

Canadian Jewish News music critic-composer Rick Kardonne fills in for Lewis Levendel as guest speaker for the Labor Zionist Alliance lecture series Tuesday, Dec. 18. His topic — **The Jewish Imprint on North American Music.** Mr. Levendel, CJN assistant editor, had to cancel the engagement due to the paper's holiday schedule.

FOR ISRAEL

Doing their bit for Israel — The In-Look Hairdressing Salon at Bathurst and Glencairn served coffee and home-made Italian style cookies to their customers (for a price, of course) will all money plus their own cash donation going to Israel. Thanks to owner Vincent Abate and staff, $100 was raised.

ISRAEL NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

The Barkai Dancers, a group of eight girls, ages 14 and 15, will be performing at Bathurst Heights Library as part of the library's Israel Night Tuesday, Dec. 18. Also featured will be a film entitled **To the Promised Land.** The program begins at 8 p.m.

JEWISH STUDENTS CONVENTION

The third annual convention of the North American Jewish Students' Network is set for Dec. 23-26 at the Paramount Hotel, Parkside, N.Y. The Network is the umbrella organization for Jewish students' movements on the continent and acts as a co-ordinating body for Jewish activities on campuses. Some of the topics to be discussed will be Israel, and the Jewish influence on world political scene.

...about people

Cantor Moshe Stern

Making his first appearance in Toronto renowned concert artist and cantor **Moshe Stern** — he succeeded **Moshe Koussevitsky** as cantor of New York's Temple Beth El — will be performing at the Chanukah concert sponsored by Toronto's Council of Hazzanim Wednesday, Dec. 19. He is to be joined by **Cantor Ben-Zion Miller** of Montreal, also making his Toronto debut before taking up his position as cantor of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue in April. A 50-voice symphonic choir rounds out the program. The concert is at 8:15 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, Bathurst St. All proceeds go to the Israel Emergency Fund.

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Bernard Lesk, the Northern 'Y's swim director, is being honored by the Commonwealth Council of the Royal Lifesaving Society, on the recommendation of the Ontario branch. He was awarded a capital recognition badge and the recipients of these awards are to be honored at an investiture convened by Ontario Lieutenant Governor A. Ross Macdonald.

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Two weeks ago, Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet of Toronto's Kielcer Congregation, and Humber College philosophy professor, was guest lecturer at a Shabbaton held on the University of Buffalo campus. The Shabbaton was for Jewish students and faculty but also entailed a public session for the Buffalo Jewish community.

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Two college students are winners of National Council of Jewish Women's Irene Samuel Scholarships — **Glenda Wachtel**, 21, of Montreal, studying for her bachelor of education degree at McGill University, (she was among the first students in the school's joint Judaic studies and education program) and **Laura Dunner**, 18, currently enrolled at Stern College in New York and a graduate of Vancouver Talmud Torah Day School. The scholarship, set up to honor the memory of the first chairman of the NCJW Canadian division, goes to Jewish women who are furthering their education in Judaic studies in order to teach in Canada in a Jewish school.

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A former Canadian has been named to a top post at Bar-Ilan University. **Rabbi Karpol Bender**, who served as rabbi in Kingston and was Hillel director at Queen's University there, has been appointed executive vice-chairman of the university's International Board of Overseers. Which means he will oversee all activities of the university abroad and its relationship to Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

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Canadian Jewish News critics, **Frank Michael** and **Lynn Slotkin**, are involved in the soon-to-appear **Canadian Theatre Review** as managing editor and circulation manager respectively. Also on the editorial staff is York University professor and CBC critic **Don Rubin** and editor-in-chief and former editor of **Performing Arts in Canada, Stephen Mezei**, as associate editor. The first issue of the quarterly periodical will be off the press next month.

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CBC television's **Juliette and Friends** features **Cantor Sheldon Merel** of Holy Blossom Temple in a special Chanukah segment Friday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. on Channel 5.

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Montrealer **Joe Friedman**, one time director of Camp B'nai B'rith and executive director of the Jewish Community Camps and Camp Wooden Acres, will be the new director of Montreal's 'Y' Country Camp. A graduate of the University of Toronto School of Social Work, he is presently vice-president of the English section, Canadian Corporation of Social Workers.

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The Netanya town council approved a suggestion to rename two of its streets **Richard Nixon Boulevard** and **Holland Street** in appreciation of the friendship and aid given to Israel.

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Professor Israel Dostrovsky was elected president of the Weizmann Institute at a recent meeting of its board of governors. An eminent nuclear physicist, he has been acting president of the Institute for the past year. He succeeds Professor Albert Sabin [illegible] tired as president Jan. 1.

Goldie Burstein (left) and Tillie Margolis work on project, Dollars for David, which involves helping children in Israel. Mrs. Burstein is the program co-ordinator and Mrs. Margolis is president of the Pioneer Women, Toronto Council, sponsor of the project.

Sharing Chanukah gifts with children in Israel plan of Pioneer Women

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

While most Jewish women at this time of year spend hours in the kitchen deciding how many potato latkes to prepare, Goldie Burstein, a member of Pioneer Women, let her thoughts drift from the preparations for her own family's Chanukah party, to another thought.

"I was thinking how lucky we are and then I began to think whether children here really want or need another toy to clutter their room further, or a small amount of Chanukah gelt." With a burst of enthusiasm Mrs. Burstein continued: "I thought how much more meaningful it would be if children, parents, aunts and uncles shared their Chanukah gelt with children in Israel, many of whom are experiencing very bad times since the Yom Kippur War."

The idea of helping children in Israel was not new to Mrs. Burstein, since, as a Pioneer Woman, she has actively participated in her organization's adopt-a-child program. Her idea is not meant to supplant the existing program in which the Pioneer Women have been so actively and successfully involved since it was discovered after the 1956 Sinai Campaign that there were many children, whose fathers had been killed or wounded, who now needed assistance.

Mrs. Burstein's "Chanukah idea" is meant as a special aspect of the program whose needs have been heightened by military and economic events of the past few months.

The project is entitled **Dollars For David.** (David is the code name for all the children, from infancy to six years old, who will be helped by these Chanukah gifts.) To facilitate matters, in this issue of **The Canadian Jewish News** there is a self-addressed envelope for all those who wish to share Chanukah's joys with Israel's children.

Mrs. Burstein noted that shortly after the project was undertaken, a non-Jewish man, hearing of the idea, phoned to ask for an envelope. "I want to send a cheque to the children of Israel," he said.

Both Mrs. Burstein, the co-ordinator for the program and Mrs. Tillie Margolis, president of the Pioneer Women, Toronto Council, visualize this project as a family enterprize. It is their hope that the joy and party atmosphere, as all members of the family celebrate Chanukah together, here, will serve as an added reminder that "many of our fellow Jews in Israel will not be able to celebrate Chanukah as a whole family this year."

Mrs. Margolis went on to explain that because of the events of the Yom Kippur War and its continued after-effects, all Pioneer Women's projects in Israel have been greatly strained.

To emphasize the new and urgent needs, Mrs. Margolis cited a letter from Beba Idelson, International president, written on Oct. 15, 1973 in Tel Aviv. She said: "We are encouraging women to take the places of men who have been mobilized; this means to open and organize many day nurseries for their children."

Mrs. Margolis explained that all infants up to six-year-olds who are adopted are "spiritually adopted. That is, for every $300 collected the support of one of these youngsters is assured for one year. We make a special effort to see they are all treated equally, and that they are all dressed differently so they don't feel institutionalized," she explained.

Mrs. Margolis pointed out the motto of the adopt-a-child program: "Mankind owes to the child the best is has to give."

Incorporating this thought into the joy of Chanukah, Mrs. Burstein remarked: "As far as I'm concerned, I would love this special aspect of the adopt-a-child program to occur every year wherever Jewish people live and celebrate Chanukah."

Hadassah-WIZO meeting said most important yet

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL –

From Jan. 13 to 16, the Hadassah-WIZO Organization will hold what National President Neri Bloomfield calls "the most important gathering in our history." Over 1,000 members are expected to attend the 25th biennial convention taking place in Winnipeg.

Members of the organization will discuss ways of assisting the many widows, orphans and maimed persons, emerging from the Yom Kippur War. "The Promise, The Accomplishment, The Future" is the convention's theme. It seeks to inspire among Hadassah-WIZO members a new solidarity with the Jewish homeland.

Bringing first-hand accounts of Israel's present situation will be Minister of Labor, Josef Almogi, Ambassador to Canada, Theodor Meron and Yosef Yaadov, information counsellor at Ottawa's Israeli embassy, Joseph L. Klarman, World Director of Youth Aliyah. Max Fisher, chairman of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency, and Rachel Limon of World WIZO will also speak.

Behavioral scientist Eva Schindler-Rainman will hold a group workshop designed to improve the leadership potential of Hadassah-WIZO chairmen and presidents. Other workshops will deal with Aliyah and with fund-raising techniques.

On the evening of Jan. 15, television personality Monty Hall will entertain delegates. The star of **Let's Make a Deal** is involved on several charitable activities across the continent, and has spoken on behalf of Israel.

Mrs. Bloomfield said she is looking for new, committed workers to administer the various projects sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO. These "portfolio-chairmen" will communicate regularly with the organization's national office on Greene St., discussing ideas for the development of their particular areas of interest.

Hadassah presently finances nine day-care centres across Israel, for the children of deprived families and for those of recent Russian immigrants who are being trained to join the work force. Several schools run under its auspices provide primary, secondary, vocational and special education.

"Our organization is something like a department store," said Mrs. Bloomfield, "members can shop for the type of work which appeals to them. Our strength lies in the hands of these volunteers. We have some brilliant women working in Hadassah, and we want to discover more this January."

Mrs. Bloomfield is assisted by Winnipeg co-chairmen Clare Schacter and Mary Keenberg, and with Montreal vice-chairman, Shirley Rabinovitch.

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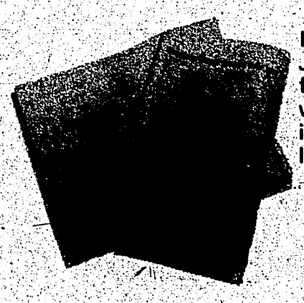

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Dr. Max Glassman examines Darlene Marlara in his Toronto office. The general practitioner made his eighth trip to Israel during the Yom Kippur War. While there, he worked in hospitals across the country. (D. Groskind photo)

Doctor says Israel....

Bankrupt but rich in spirit

By BRIAN STONEMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

The Yom Kippur War has left Israel rich in spirit but poor in resources, reports one of its volunteers, Dr. Max Glassman of Toronto.

"My trip was very exciting and impressive but very depressing because I feel Israel is bankrupt because of the war's expense and the lack of tourism," Dr. Glassman, a general practitioner told The Canadian Jewish News after his eighth trip to Israel.

"Militarily, they have been left in limbo," said the doctor who worked in several front-line Israeli hospitals. "The casualties have been phenomenally high and I think the worst has yet to come. In most cases the wounded can't take on their pre-war employment . . . and the war isn't completely over. There is a ceasefire but with violations and fear of a new outbreak."

The Beth Tzedec Congregation member continued: "Politically, they are very uneasy about the concessions promised the Arabs at Israeli expense, with the danger that this could provoke further hostilities. Internally, there is a pending election with its back scratching and mud slinging and this also brings uneasiness and anxiety.

"Now, if you compound that with the fact that practically every family in Israel that I came across, at least, has been affected by fatalities or wounded, then you get the picture that Israelis are facing terrible anxieties, depression and have no substantial improvements foreseeable in the immediate future."

Lest he give the wrong impression, the outspoken doctor unhesitantly added: "However, if you put all of these negative factors on one side of the scale, they are far outweighed by three positive factors. Israelis possess determination, such as I have never before witnessed, unbelievable courage and the fact they have no choice."

The effectiveness of these factors, said Dr. Glassman, is illustrated by "the extremely well organized medical effort. But that is not to say that medical personnel were not terribly overworked. When war broke out doctors and ancillary staff worked around the clock."

Dr. Glassman's family and friends (he is married with three children) "were frightened, thought me stupid or thought it admirable," while with great difficulty, he arranged his flight to the battle-torn state. With even more difficulty, he obtained electronic equipment as requested by fellow Torontonian Louis Mayzel, himself a volunteer who "was wandering around Israel doing any good deed he could think of."

"I just felt compelled to go and was willing to do anything and not just practice medicine to help," said Dr. Glassman, who made the trip with his feet propped uncomfortably on the $3,725 piece of equipment urgently needed to aid diagnosis of internal head injuries. Later, Mayzel insisted on repaying him for the machine, one of 10 he had acquired for Israeli hospitals.

Shunted from hospital to hospital, Dr. Glassman circulated among the wounded, attempting to boost their morale.

"The irony is that they very often were more able to boost my morale. I was kissed by wounded soldiers who felt so happy to see a Canadian Jew, not necessarily a doctor, who visited them at such a time . . . This I experienced with nurses, taxi drivers who refused to accept fares and restaurateurs who refused to bill me."

Responsibility of Jews for one another seen in record of JDC's accomplishment

TORONTO –

The scope of services provided by the Joint Distribution Committee to the Jews of Europe, North Africa, Latin America and Israel over the past 60 years graphically illustrates the degree to which Jews feel responsible for one another, Ted Comet said in a recent address to the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations' young leadership group.

Comet, consultant on overseas services, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, New York, made a flying visit to Toronto to speak of the vital role JDC has played in the overall welfare of world Jewry. "We are more than a religion," Comet told the young women. "We Jews comprise less than 1/10 of 1% of the world's population, yet we possess an unparalleled dimension of peoplehood which has impinged itself on the world's conscience."

Going back to 1914 when JDC began to render its services to all Jewish factions, Comet went on to say that since its formation 60 years ago, JDC has raised one billion dollars to aid world Jewry, $30 million of which was expended last year alone. JDC joined the United Jewish Appeal in 1939 and receives funding from the annual campaigns.

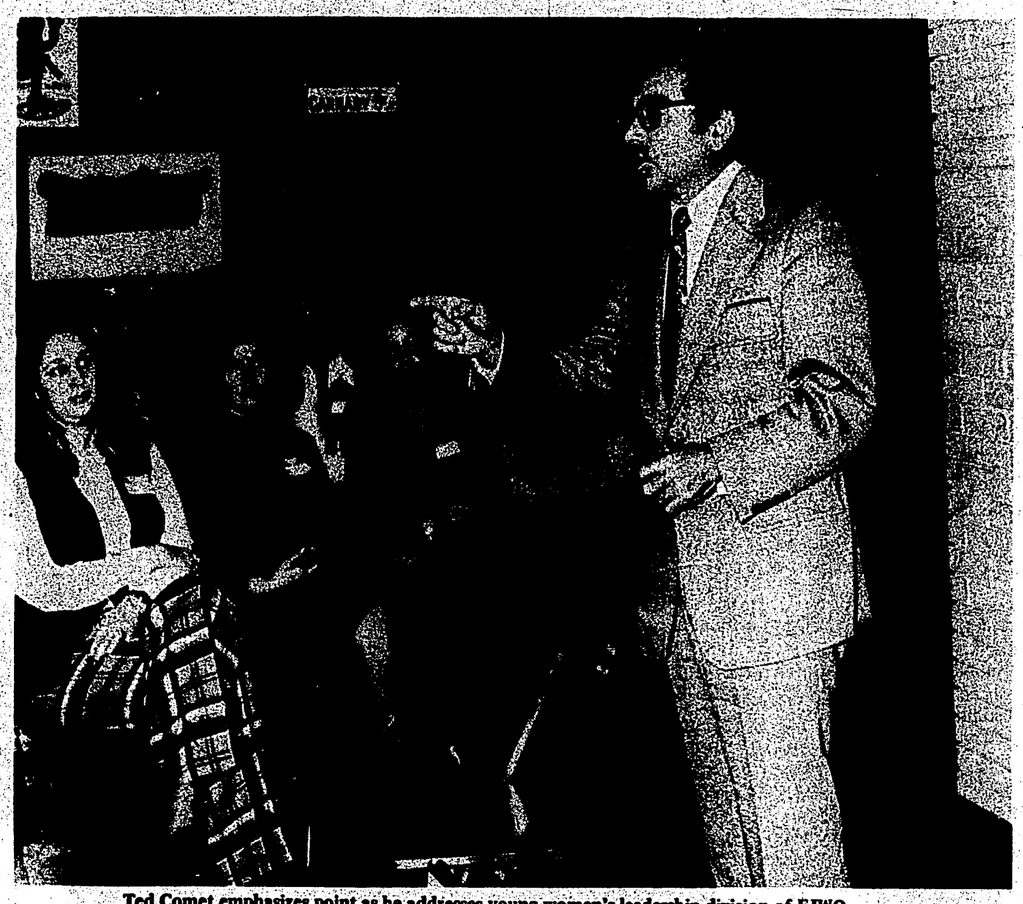
The Joint Distribution Committee's chief responsibility in Israel has been in looking after the needs of the elderly -- homes for the aged, supportive services to those living on their own and provision of services to keep the aged out of homes.

As a result of the Yom Kippur War, a re-evaluation of the JDC operation in Israel is under way, Comet explained, to shift the priority from the aged. "A whole new concept will have to be formulated to effectively deal with the physical and psychological rehabilitation of the wounded."

With reference to the close to three million Jews in the Soviet Union and other countries behind the Iron Curtain, Comet said the Communists have put the final touches to Jewish life in Eastern Europe. "The Jew is the only Soviet citizen with a dual identity. His passport and papers clearly indicate he is a Jew, yet he is denied the right to practice his religion."

The Comet meeting was the fourth in a series of six Young Women's Leadership orientation discussions which have met with phenomenal success this year. Designed to introduce young women to Toronto's Jewish social welfare organizations and resources, the meetings which take place in private homes, have had capacity turnouts of close to 100 young marrieds at each session.

An in-depth graduate program will be offered to the same group for four weeks beginning Feb. 19.



Ted Comet emphasizes point as he addresses young women's leadership division of FJWO.

Hold trade fair here Jan. 6

TORONTO –

An Israel Trade Fair, designed to promote increased consumption of the state's goods, will be held early next month.

Ephraim Raviv, economic attache to the Israeli consulate here will be guest speaker at the Jan. 5 cocktail party, which will feature an Israeli dance group and fashion show.

"The fair's pupose is to educate the public as to what is available from Israel in local retail outlets," David Landau, co-chairman of the Israel Showcase Committee, fair co-ordinator, told The Canadian Jewish News. "We are doing this to increase Israeli exports and feel its products are comparative in price and quality."

The fair, which is to be held Jan. 6 at the Associated Hebrew School from noon until 8 p.m., will distribute a directory, compiled by the committee, listing the outlets at which Israeli products are available.

Another honor for Laskin

TORONTO –

This is a year of notable recognition for one of Canada's leading jurists, Justice Bora Laskin of the Supreme Court of Canada, who last month was awarded a human relations award of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

On Dec. 16, he will be the recipient of the highly-coveted award being presented by State of Israel Bonds.

This will take place as a highlight of the lawyers division bond dinner at Beth Tikvah Synagogue which will be attended by more than 500 lawyers and their wives from Toronto and other communities across the province and Canada who were former students of Justice Laskin's at Osgoode Hall or the University of Toronto Law Schools. He taught there before his elevation to the highest court in the land.

Guest speaker at the dinner will be Chief Justice Samuel Freedman of Manitoba.

Seventy-five of the leading judges, law professors and lawyers are serving as members of the committees involved in arranging the event, which is the climax of the intensive Israel Bond Campaign undertaken by the Toronto lawyers division this year.

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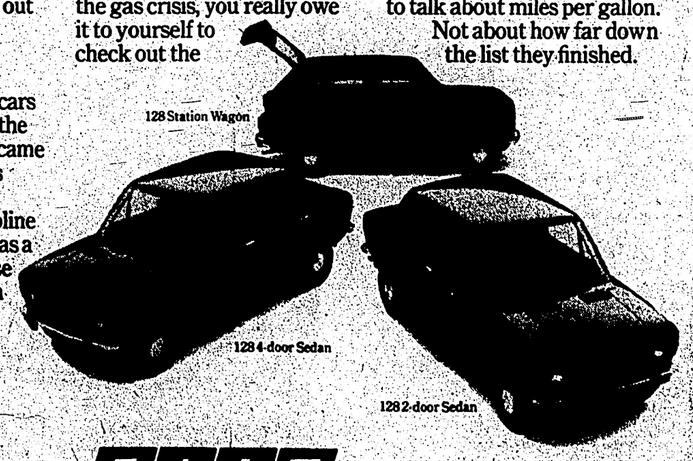

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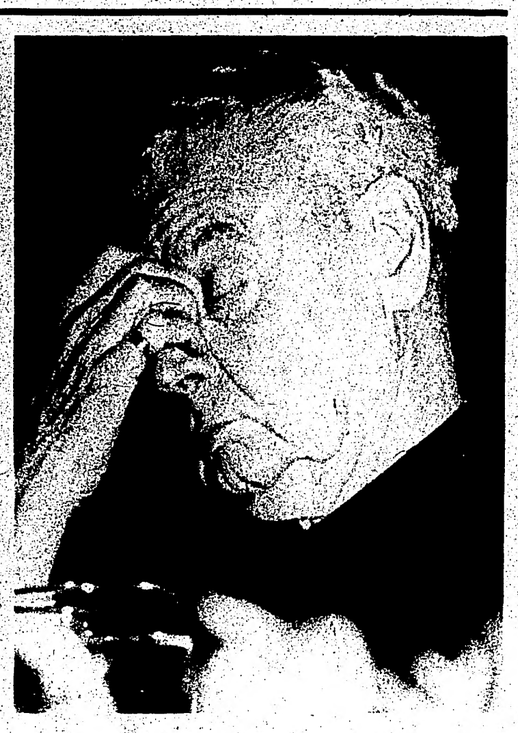

IT WAS A PROUD AND HAPPY EVENING FOR A STAUNCH FRIEND

Photographer Gadi Hoz captured these shots of John Diefenbaker, always a delight for cameramen. The former prime minister was the honoree at the Negev Dinner in Toronto.

During the Jewish National Fund's Negev Dinner at the Royal York, two oldtimers renew acquaintances. Ex-Toronto mayor Nathan Phillips greets another Conservative politician at the lavish affair attended by about 1,500 people.

It was a long day for John Diefenbaker - a trip from Ottawa, a news conference, dinner and receptions. Whew, quite a day!

Reena Foundation fast proving an important innovator

By MARCIA KRETZMER

TORONTO -

The approach and methods of Jewish communal organizations have long proven themselves models for institutions in the wider community.

There is every indication that the Reena Foundation, a new organization whose aim is to provide a framework for semi-independent living for emotionally disturbed, handicapped or retarded young Jewish people and adults, is similarly proving an important innovator in its field and has already made its mark on government at the provincial level.

Last week, **The Canadian Jewish News** spoke to the chairman of the foundation, Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth - Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Rabbi Kelman is well-known for his intimate involvement in many similar projects. He pioneered the Ezra and Kadima groups which offer an integrated program of Jewish education and social activity to physically or mentally-handicapped Jewish youth is the belief that their difficulties not only require but can emphatically benefit from a special approach.

The Reena Foundation, which Rabbi Kelman describes as an offshoot of Kadima, began when parents started coming to him and asking: "What will happen to my son or daughter when I am no longer here to look after them?

"Up till now this has meant institutions like Orillia which houses some 800 persons," said Rabbi Kelman. "These institutions are large, inflexible and segregated from the rest of society and, of course, they lack provisions for maintaining Jewish life."

Rabbi Kelman cited the cases of the intelligent teenager with cerebral palsy and the handicapped boy from a strictly observant home. Convinced there is no place for young people like these in institutions like Orillia, a group of parents, B'nai B'rith representatives and concerned members of the community met last January and came up with the idea of building housing units which would accommodate some eight to 12 residents and a supervisor.

"We are essentially offering two concrete forms of assistance to the Jewish community," explained Rabbi Kelman. "We want to assist these youngsters according to the degree of their normalcy, to bring them back into the community and to provide them with normal living experiences." Our second goal is to give parents the peace of mind of knowing there exists a responsible organization which will provide the lifestyles of Jewish family living including kashruth.

The project has already generated keen enthusiasm in government and Jewish community circles. Although the Reena Foundation has been in operation only since January, Rabbi Kelman hopes the first residence will be functioning by the end of 1974. "We have assurances of sympathy and support from Robert Welch, provincial minister of housing and social development and we hope Reena will be allotted units in Ontario Housing Corporation building projects.

"Another thing that has happened since Reena got under way is that some anonymous benefactors are purchasing a site which will eventually be a camp for emotionally disturbed and handicapped teenagers. They have also undertaken to build the first of our housing unit," said Rabbi Kelman.

What is the next step? "The next step is up to the community," declared Rabbi Kelman. "We have come an amazingly long way in a short space of time and now it's up to the community to show concrete support and commitment."

On Dec. 16 a meeting will be held at Beth Emeth - Bais Yehuda for parents, members of the Jewish community and representatives of Jewish organizations. Provincial government officials will attend. Said Rabbi Kelman, "we want the parents to inform us of their needs and we hope to impress upon government representatives that the Jewish community can be the inspiration for the integrated housing of the future."

Rabbi Joseph Kelman

'Claim is fraud'

TORONTO -

The claim that the survival of Judaism depends on the survival of Israel is "an historical fraud, a mischievous falsification and a slanderous insult to all of Jewish history," says philosopher Rabbi Immanuel Schochet.

The reverse is true -- that the survival of Israel depends on the survival of Judaism, the Orthodox rabbi told an audience at Beth Sholom Congregation.

"We are first and foremost Jews; our overriding and all-comprehensive loyalty is to Judaism, to Torah, and everything else must follow as a consequence of, and to this, our Jewish identity and loyalty."

Rabbi Schochet of Kielcer Congregation and Humber College also lashed out at people who "think that just by devoting themselves with 'all their heart, soul and wealth' to Israel they are identifying with, and have reached the required rank of authentic Judaism."

The political entity of Israel is seen by these people as the very essence and all-inclusive significance of what it means to be a Jew today, he said. "UJA and bonds are seen as the sole or prime mitzvoth, and political Zionism as the whole Torah, and everything else is but an insignificant footnote, which you do not even have to go forth and learn."

Rabbi Schochet emphasized every Jew has an historical attachment and an innate obligation to the people and the state of Israel.

"Anyone who shirks this responsibility ipso facto renounces his Jewish identity. But let us also be quite clear in recognizing that this attachment, obligation and responsibility is strictly and solely based in, and derived from, Torah."

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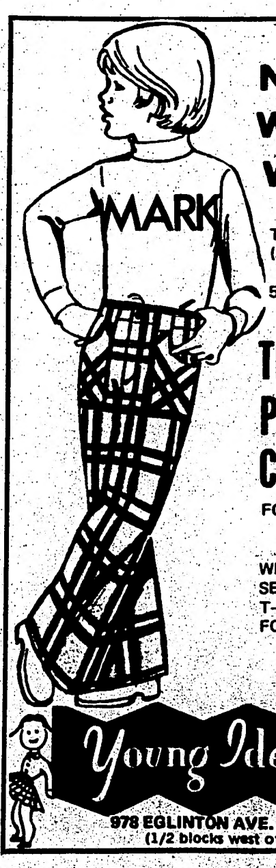

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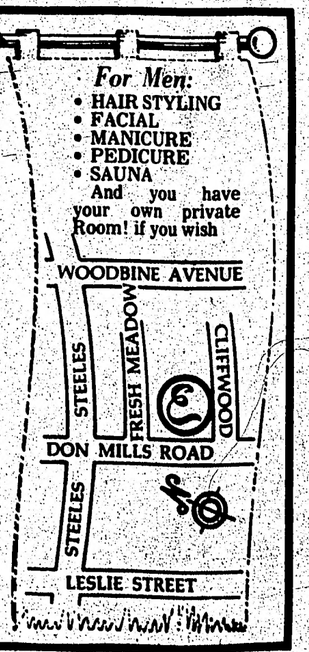

Pressure on Israel may be U.S. goal

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -
The United States may be using the current discussions of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as a leverage to pressure Israel to conform to a Middle East peace settlement that the world power has designed.

"In the long run I don't think the organization's perceived anti-Israel policy will create an irreparable rupture with the U.S. in its support of NATO," said Irwin Cotler, a former external affairs department official and Professor of Law at McGill University.

"NATO," he added, "is one of the casualties of the Yom Kippur War."

The purpose of NATO is to act as a hedge against Soviet bloc countries is being eroded. With U.S.-Soviet detente a reality, European countries are less fearful of the Soviet Union, and are no longer as trustful of the United States.

Cotler told **The Canadian Jewish News** at a news conference that the latent "drifts and rifts" of recent years in NATO have become more visible since the Middle East conflict.

"The refusal by some NATO members to allow the U.S. to use its own bases to airlift war materials to Israel . . . and some even refused to permit U.S. jets to fly over their land . . . effectively destroyed the myth about NATO partnership," he said.

"What may happen, given some anti-Israel feeling now emerging in the States, is that NATO may even help America to more easily assume anti-Israel policies.

"European feeling on Israel will be another means by which the United States can exercise leverage against Israel, with the result that Israel becomes even further isolated," he added.

Cotler believes that it is no longer in Europe's national interest to be "neutral" to Israel. He stressed that Europe no longer relies on the U.S. because it did not consult NATO on the U.S. - Soviet detente, the ceasefire solution to the present conflict, and the world-wide alert called during the crisis.

The United States has more thatn 100 U.S.-guarded weapon sights in Europe, with 80% of the 7,000 warheads capable of offensive or defensive actions for fighter-bombers, missile warheads, and artillery shells.

The other 20% is purely defensive, and would be destined for surface to air, demolition mines, and marine devices.

The current discussions with the NATO countries concerns the sharing of financial burdens resulting from stationing of American troops in Europe, as well as the use of new tactical weapons, and the mobilization of nuclear weapons in the case of all-out war.

Anita Tyber of the National Council of Jewish Women gives Toronto Mayor David Crombie a lapel sticker appealing for freedom for Soviet Jews last week. The campaign was organized for International Human Rights Day by Canadian Jewish Congress. Members of the NCJW also distributed stickers to people going to see Soviet dancers.

Israel-Canada trade

Alda firm has good year

By NORM TOLLINSKY

TORONTO -
After one year of operations in the Canadian market, the first and only Israeli trading company in this country has pulled astride the $250,000 mark in sales.

"And this is only the beginning," says Sam Gandell, a Montrealer, who immigrated to Israel in 1971 and now runs a one-man show as Canadian sales representative for Alda Israel Trading.

"I've penetrated the market now, but I'm looking for sales in the millions . . . If our performance to date is any indication of what the future holds in store, I am certain that our goal will be reached."

Alda Israel Trading, Gandell explained, deals mainly in exportable items that have not yet penetrated the Canadian market. Consequently, competition with other Israeli companies is avoided and every dollar worth of sales indicates new sources of export earnings.

"Canadians are often quite surprised at the quality and excellence of Israeli products," noted Gandell, who boasts of selling such sophisticated items as electro-surgical units, electronic weighing devices, and automatic motor guards, an Israeli invention that senses mechanical failure and shuts off motors before any damage can be done.

Although he admits that Canadians are somewhat fearful of delivery, delays, and the Middle Eastern business mentality which sometimes places less stress on service and customer relations, he insists that it is his ambition to revolutionize this image.

"I felt that knowing the Canadian market and the Canadian people, I would be able to succeed in this venture," said Gandell.

"I'll go to the end of the world to make sure that my customers are satisfied. I want the buyers to feel confident that we will deliver and that we will back our goods to the fullest extent.

"The Israelis must rely on foreign trade if they are to survive and in these difficult times we must understand that importing Israeli products is one way of helping the Jewish state."

Gandell denied that the Yom Kippur War has had any adverse effects on sales figures. The only problem he observed, is the very serious manpower shortage in Israeli factories and the shipping delays resulting from production slow-downs.

"Most people understand the situation and accept it. The sales are increasing despite the war because the efforts we have made are starting to pay off.

"The figure of $250,000 represents sales to 48 different companies, many of which have placed trial orders in order to evaluate the quality of the goods and the service. As long as they are satisfied, more and more orders will be placed.

"People are now beginning to learn that Israel has more to offer than Jaffa oranges and that the quality of Israeli industrial goods is on a par with those of the most developed states."

Business is urged to face challenge

JERUSALEM -
A call to Israel's manufacturers to "run your plant in a way becoming a people at war," has been issued by Mark Mosevics, president of the Israel Manufacturers Association.

In a full page advertisement in the **Jerusalem Post**, Mosevics declares that "we must dispel the idea that Israel is unable to maintain a stand against sustained pressure. It is for us to show our enemies and our friends that we can provide firm support for our army, for as long as such support is required -- until a just and lasting peace is achieved."

Mosevics urges that "every plant management team, in co-operation with the workers' committee and the workers themselves must become a force on the home front which will increase the people's self-confidence, and its trust in the strength and stamina of the state."

Dr. Rosenberg re-elected president of Foundation for Jewish Culture

TORONTO -
The annual meeting of the Canadian Foundation For Jewish Culture, held in Toronto Dec. 4th, has re-elected Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg as its national president. Additional national officers of the foundation elected are the following:

Mrs. Lou Frieberg, Toronto, Judge Harold Lande, Montreal and Maurice Paperny, Calgary, Vice-Presidents; Dr. Ralph Halbert, Toronto, treasurer; Manuel Zack, Hamilton, honorary secretary. Directors were elected, representing Jewish communities from coast-to-coast.

Dr. Arnulf Pins, executive director of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture of New York was guest speaker, along with Professor Emil Fackenheim, of the University of Toronto.

"Among those students who have received Graduate Fellowships from the Canadian Foundation for Jewish Culture during the past five years, we can already see the first fruits of our efforts," said Dr. Rosenberg. "Two have completed their doctoral programs, three are engaged in thesis research, and eight others are enrolled in graduate programs leading to degrees.

"The academic sphere of Jewish Studies at Canadian universities will be enhanced by the devotion of these scholars to research and studies in Jewish history, Bible and theology, Hebrew and literature Bible studies, library science and languages related to Hebrew."

One of the first scholars to receive a grant, Avraham Avi-hai, received a doctoral degree at Columbia University in November, 1973 and his dissertation **Ben-Gurion: Statebuilder** is being published by the Keter Publishing House in somewhat altered form. Dr. Avi-hai, a native of Toronto, plans to devote time to further research in Israel's political history. Harriet Friedenreich has also received a doctorate from Columbia University, the title of her dissertation being **Belgrade, Zagreb, Sarajevo: A study of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia.** She is now Assistant Professor of Modern Jewish History at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles.

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Organizations and People

William Rotman (second from right) was presented with the Declaration of Independence Award for his efforts in selling Israel Bonds after the outbreak of war. Presenting the award to Rotman, chairman of the London, Ontario, bond campaign was Maurice Skolnick (left), Bonds official. Benjamin Varon and R. Jack are the others.

Life of Ben-Gurion seen as source of strength

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

"Let us draw strength from the life of David Ben-Gurion, particularly at this time when we have to get our morale up again both here and in Israel," urged Philip Givens, Canadian Zionist Federation president.

Givens, speaking at a memorial service at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation for Israel's first prime minister, recalled seeing Ben-Gurion's home in kibbutz Sde Boker in the Negev, after the Sinai campaign. "It was a little shack with four rooms," he said.

But, Givens went on to explain that while Ben-Gurion cared little about his dwellings, he cared a lot about the location of his home -- the Negev. "He believed in the future of the Negev and that is why he developed and promoted the College of the Negev," he said.

Givens, who had met him several times, noted: "He was like an atomic reactor - you were energized by his presence. He was small in stature, but intellectually and from the standpoint of leadership, he was a giant."

Summing up his feelings to those who came to pay tribute to the late prime minister at the service co-ordinated by the CZF, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the B'nai B'rith, Givens declared: "I feel proud and honored that he was our leader and that we knew him in our time."

Other speakers paying tribute to Ben-Gurion were Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim synagogue and Max Shecter, president of the CZF, Central Region. Hoschander, who was in Israel when Ben-Gurion died, noted that in his last will and testament he requested two things: no eulogies, and to be buried as a Jew. In Ben-Gurion's memory, Hoschander read Psalm 20, which is the prayer before battle and is the most popular Psalm today for Israel's soldiers.

Shecter referred to the late prime minister as being "essentially a religious man because his life was based on faith. It was this faith that helped him carve out of the desert the modern state of Israel."

In keeping with Ben-Gurion's noted love for youth, the Bialik grade eight choir sang selections Ben-Gurion loved most.

During the memorial service, Givens read a note of condolence to the Jewish community, signed by Rev. Peter Gilbert of the Christian - Jewish dialogue program of the Catholic and Anglican churches.

ISRAEL HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN IN ACTION

Histadrut's role in the Yom Kippur War

At the recent Annual Conference of the Israel Histadrut Campaign and United Organizations for Histadrut held in Toronto, over 200 delegates -- from Trade Unions, the Labor Zionist Movement, Labor Zionist Alliance, Achdut Avodah Societies, Landsmanshaften and Fraternal Orders -- heard Yehoshua Levy, secretary-treasurer of the Histadrut in Israel, speak on the role which Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, played in the Yom Kippur War.

In addition to the thousands of Histadrut members mobilized in the armed forces, all its resources were geared for the battle of survival. All available vehicles in its transport systems were put at the disposal of the military. Thousands of students from the Histadrut Amal Trade Schools, replacing mobilized workers in factories and farms, cities and kibbutzim, worked 24 hour shifts to produce food and ammunition for the soldiers on the front lines and to provide the necessary services that enabled the state to function in a time of crisis. Levy also spoke of the extraordinary financial aid which Histadrut's working men and women gave the war effort.

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Financial assistance needed for medical aid

The Jewish community of Toronto is well aware of the historic role of Histadrut in the development of the Jewish state. Now, in this time of crisis, with the economic resources of the government stretched to the breaking point as a result of the war, it is the network of Histadrut institutions that is assuming a major portion of the responsibility for providing the services essential for the welfare of Israel's beleaguered people and in maintaining its economic viability. We are certain that now the Jewish community will also realize the role which Kupat Holim plays in saving precious lives and setting them back on the path of normal living -- and that it will extend to it the utmost financial assistance.

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Bomb scare enlivens game

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL -

The basketball benefit given for the Israel Emergency Fund at the Snowdon "Y" proved more exciting than intended recently when a bomb scare delayed the game between the "Y" Blues and members of the Montreal Expos.

Just a few seconds after the game had started, the Expo sportscaster Dave Van Horne, volunteering to call the plays for the benefit, learned of the telephoned threat.

It specified that a bomb would explode in the building at 9 p.m. Van Horne immediately returned to the microphone and told spectators to leave the gym quickly and calmly. Although he did not state the reason for evacuating the crowd, many spectators were speaking of a bomb scare before they reached the door.

The crowd huddled by the gym entrance while two policemen and "Y" personnel searched inside and outside the building. Some people sneaked back into the building by the rear door to escape the below-freezing temperatures.

A "Y" engineer said it was the third bomb scare he had witnessed there since 1970. As in the other two incidents, no trace of explosives was discovered.

Enthusiasm for the match surged up when Expo player Mike Torrez scored the first basket and stayed high until the Blues scored their 76-64 victory.

The younger, shriller screams of approval were directed at the Expos, many of whom are popular television personalities during the baseball season. Between periods, young autograph-seekers pursued their favorite Expo players -- Mike Torrez, Ron Woods and Mike Jorgenson being the most sought-after.

Expo player Tim Foli, who has a reputation for being hot-tempered, committed several fouls, resulting both from technical errors and physical contact. The final one, a dispute with referee Jim Peffers, resulted in his being thrown out of the game.

The Expo players will be paid from money donated by the companies listed in the program and from money collected during ticket sales.

Shortage of tefilin reported in Israel

voice of youth

By YAACOV HONIG

Although it is not widely known, there exists today a severe shortage of tefilin in the Israeli Army. NCSY regions across the continent have been informed of this and are in the process of collecting extra pairs of tefilin, whether they are in ideal condition or not. There are sofrim (scribes) who are working day and night to restore them, afterwhich they are promptly shipped to Israel for distribution to the soldiers.

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Yeshiva University, in conjunction with the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, will be holding their annual winter seminar in Hamilton's Adas Israel Synagogue, The seminar will take place from Dec. 25 - 30. The program consists of social, sport, and educational activities and is led by a qualified staff from across Ontario and New York. It is open to teenagers from across Canada, upper New York State and the several central-eastern states. Applications are available from local rabbis or the NCSY office at the above address.

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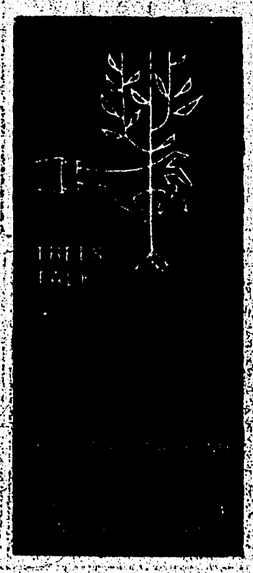

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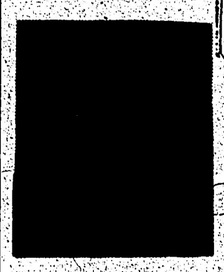

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Itzhak Korn, Knesset member told 250 persons at the Labor Zionist Auditorium in Toronto that both sides would reach some sort of agreement in the Mideast talks. The lecture was sponsored by the Labor Zionist Movement.

Israeli optimistic over Geneva

By MARCIA SINGER

TORONTO –

A member of the Knesset and the ruling Labor Party is optimistic about the outcome of the Geneva peace talks between Israeli and Arab leaders this month.

Itzhak Korn, addressing 250 people at the Labor Zionist Auditorium on Viewmount Avenue, said he believed both sides would reach some sort of agreement.

The success of the talks, said Korn, a member of the Knesset for 12 years, will depend on Israel relinquishing some territory and finding "a balanced and reasonable compromise" with the Arabs. However, he refused to give any details of such a compromise, saying this information was up to Prime Minister Golda Meir to disclose.

Korn's talk here was part of a tour to Jewish communities in Europe, South America, United States and Canada. The talk was sponsored by the Labor Zionist Movement.

The Israeli warned the group that the future of Jewish life was in danger from the erosion of Jewish values within the family.

"We are weaker today than we were 30 years ago," he said.

He urged parents to stress the national life of Judaism and to encourage their children to immigrate to Israel.

"If we are not nationally minded, we will lose our future," he said.

He also advised parents to ensure their children are taught Jewish values by enrolling them in Jewish schools, either during the day or after public school classes.

Described as a "chaver" (friend) and a "constant ambassador without the official title to the Jewish masses," Korn was an animated speaker. At times, angry, he would pound the lecturn with his fist to emphasize particular points. He spoke in Yiddish and summarized his talk in his "Korn English."

Korn said that the problem now facing Israel was not one of maintaining a military victory but of beginning an understanding with its Arab neighbors.

The victory looks officially good on the map, he said, but in reality it means many soldiers must remain on the lines, striking a blow to the country's economy.

But, according to Korn, there is no need for despair on the part of world Jewry, especially the kind of depressing feeling he found on his tour, for Israel's future.

Israel needs hard, well-organized support from the Jewish world, not panic and hysteria, he said.

Art auction proceeds for humanitarian needs

MONTREAL –

More than $20,000 in works of art – donated by over 70 artists – plus a special collection of primitives will be auctioned off over a four-day period, beginning January 7th, on behalf of humanitarian projects in Israel supported by the Israel Emergency Fund.

Israel's Consul-General in Montreal, Ariel Peter Aran, will formally open the Art Show – dubbed "Artists for Israel" – at 8 p.m. on Jan. 7th at the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

The entire proceeds will go to the Israel Fund.

Artists who have donated works for the occasion include such familiar names as Jennifer Dickson, Louis Muhlstock, Stanley Lewis, Moe Reinblatt, Ghita Caiserman-Roth, Jan Menses, Alfred Pinsky, Seymour Segal and Gladys Axler.

Tureck gives flawless performance

By RICK KARDONNE

It's a real joy to attend a flawlessly captivating performance by one of the world's acknowledged great concert artists. This is exactly how I felt when I heard Rosalyn Tureck perform at Toronto's Eaton Auditorium on Dec. 8.

Although this outstanding pianist has won world acclaim as a soloist with major orchestras (including the Israel Philharmonic) playing many different kinds of classical music, she has chosen to exclusively specialize in the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. And so, her solo recital on Dec. 8 was an all-Bach program, featuring Bach's greatest piano work, the Goldberg Variations.

Named after Johann Goldberg, a pupil of Bach and a harpsichordist of outstanding reputation, this piece consists of a simple aria and 30 variations. The variations are all linked in a fascinatingly intricate set of themes and contrapuntal motifs that develop an amazing complexity without losing the basic chord pattern of the original simple theme. It is not surprising that some of these figurations influenced the work of Beethoven, Lizst and Czerny; what is truly remarkable is the appearance of winding chromatic figurations that were utilized by more contemporary composers such as Bartok and Schoenberg.

These often very modern aspects are what has distinguished the Goldberg Variations as being perhaps the most levantly stimulating composition of not only Bach but also of the entire baroque era.

Many of the variations are as technically difficult as anything ever written for the piano (with the possible exception of some of Franz Lisxt's long-forgotten virtuoso grandiloquancies). yet, not only did Rosalyn Tureck effortlessly execute them; what is more she poured out her entire soul into each passage, ranging from a yearning lyricism to bold triumph and every possible emotion in between, so as to make each phrase a uniquely different experience. This is truly the mark of a great artist. We were made to feel that the superb technique could be taken for granted; what really mattered was the profound expressive impact of every single note of this 90 minute piece. No wonder the near-capacity audience gave Ms. Tureck a standing ovation at the end.

Even in much simpler works, such as the first three prelude-fugues with which she opened the recital in order to "warm up" the audience, Ms. Tureck was able to convey this beautiful feeling of hot and total involvement in the music. Even the Prelude in C one of Bach's most elementary and popularly familiar works, sounded memorable.

Rosalyn Tureck ranks with Artur Rubinstein and Isaac Stern as being one of the great Jewish classical musicians of our time. It seems most appropriate that she would be today's authoritative interpreter of the Goldberg Variations, which in Bach's day was initially associated with its first performer, who was undoubtedly her spiritual ancestor.

Quebec human rights code urged by Eastern Congress

MONTREAL –

Enactment of a Code of Human Rights by the province of Quebec was urged by the Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Region, in a statement marking the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations.

Murray B. Spiegel, chairman of Congress, said "the existing anti-discrimination legislation in Quebec (Fair Employment and Fair Accommodation Practices) is fragmentary, incomplete and lacking in clarity. New legislation, placing all existing legislation with additional refinements into a single code of human rights, would provide for easier enforcement. Discrimination does exist. It should not be tolerated."

Congress also urged the establishment of a Human Rights Commission to assist victims of discrimination and resolve complaints through conciliatory action as well as enforcement procedures. "We believe that a vastly improved system of informing citizens of their rights, duties and opportunities is essential but without a Human Rights Commission it will not succeed."

A cable over the signatures of CJC president Sol Kanee and CJC Executive Vice-President Saul Hayes, was sent to Nicolai Podgorny, president of the USSR, asking for an end to the harassment of those Jews who applied to leave the Soviet Union, the harassment of Jewish militants and the release of Jewish prisoners of conscience. The cable said the present policies of the Soviet Government are in conflict with basic rights guaranteed Soviet citizens by the Soviet constitution.

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Soviet spymaster remembers Red Orchestra

By GABRIEL REY

LONDON (JCNS) -

Leopold Trepper, the 69-year-old former Soviet spymaster, founded the Red Orchestra espionage ring in occupied Europe during the Second World War. The man who warned Stalin of the German plan to invade Russia, but was ignored, talked to Gabriel Rey.

When Hitler declared (in May of 1942) that "the Bolsheviks are our superiors in only one field -- espionage," he could hardly have imagined that he was paying a tribute to a network organized and led by a Galitzianer Jew, Leib Trepper. Nor did he know, at that time, that among the "superiors" of the Herrenvolk in the Red Orchestra - the name given to the famous spy ring by the Germans - were many others of the same despised Jewish race.

But then, neither Trepper (who survived Gestapo captivity for almost a year and nearly 10 years of imprisonment by Stalin afterwards) nor his Jewish comrades (almost all of them murdered by the Germans) regarded themselves as just agents of Soviet military intelligence. Trepper himself prefers the compliment of Gilles Perrault, author of the best-selling account of The Red Orchestra, who described him as "the Jew who must surely have dealt the Third Reich its deadliest blows."

Indeed, when I talked to Trepper the Grand Chef (as he was called) was most insistent that his Orchestra - with branches in Belgium, Holland, France, and Germany itself - was much more than simply a Soviet espionage network in the Western part of Nazi-occupied Europe. He looks upon the Orchestra as a part of the anti-Nazi resistance movement, with Jews playing first fiddle, although the contribution made by the "pianists" (meaning the radio operators relaying reports to Moscow) and other players lay in the sphere of military intelligence. It was a mighty contribution which the head of the Abwehr (German Counter-Intelligence), Admiral Canaris, estimated to have been worth several enemy armies and to have cost the Reichswehr some 200,000 dead soldiers.

Trepper does not deny that the origin of the Red Orchestra and its operations can be traced to the Military Intelligence Department of the Red Army which established it some two years before the outbreak of war. As Trepper recalls it, the then head of Military Intelligence, General Jan Berzin (soon to be liquidated by Stalin in his purge of the Army leadership), was already convinced in 1937 that war with Nazi Germany would be inevitable. "And he also knew that as both a Jew and a life-long Communist I would be totally dedicated to the task of fighting the Nazis. There was the same dedications among most of my collaborators who were drawn from no less than 13 nationalities, including Germans of the Schultze-Boysen circle, of whom not all were Communists but all of whom were staunch anti-Nazis."

The Orchestra operated mainly through business companies -- two in Brussels and one in Paris (Simex) - which had branches and representatives all over Europe.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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The editor of Maclean's Magazine (and the former editor-in-chief of the Toronto Daily Star) has divided his wide-ranging miscellany into eight sections. These include engaging and insightful profiles of a raft of Canadian politicians and diplomats (including six essays on Trudeau -- from the initial gush of adulation to the dilution of the dream); travel impressions of Czechoslovakia, Israel, Sweden, and Laos; and outspoken reflections on Canadian identity and distinctiveness.

About two years ago, the author assessed Trudeau's changing public image: "The prime minister gives the impression of believing that he and his inner court of advisors (who gaze upon the world as if they were inhabitants of the walled-off Chinese city of Cathay before Marco Polo came) have a monopoly on truth. But in a democracy, the minority's dissent is no less important than the majority's consent."

As far back as 1965 on a visit to Washington, Newman with rare prescience recognized Nixon as a little man in an important time, furtive and uncertain -- capable of anything. "His face somehow lacked dimension, a spongy invention of cardboard, like those gaudy cutouts carried aloft at carnival times in Rio. Then, our glances briefly locked, he noticed me looking at him and just for an instant -- a frozen flutter of time -- I caught the real Nixon. In that small stillness of insight, I recognized a man so terrified -- his breath and muscles seemed as taut as a pole-vaulter's -- that he could barely keep himself under control. Wild gooseberry eyes looked at me with a plea of a man who had spent a lifetime being snubbed, begging for belief."

Why a charismatic leader loses those intangible qualities that make for success is always a mystery. But when the fall takes place it results in feelings of awe and sadness. In 1967 when Diefenbaker persisted in fighting for the leadership of the Conservative Party, Newman witnessed the debacle. "He is still somehow holding himself together, like a sheet of broken safety glass. The conductor of the house orchestra catches the occasion and begins playing Hail to the Chief. But there is no music left in the old man, as he makes his way out of that hot hell of a hall, stunned with shamefaced reporters, ungrateful Tories and broken illusions."

The comparison seems absurd, but Moshe Dayan reminded the author of Trudeau. They are "about the same height, equally bald, nearly the same age. Most important of all, you feel that indefinable quality at work which allows both men to create space around themselves, so that neither friends nor enemies feel they can really touch them. Such response fosters their individual legends, the romantic remoteness that sets them apart from lesser politicians." Asked to rank Canada's army, Dayan answered, "If I had to choose a non-Israel army to fight with," he says, "it would be the Canadian commandos, because they are all volunteers."

World in Brief

Italian press critical of Vatican allegation

ROME -

An allegation in the Vatican weekly newspaper, Osservatore della Domenica, that Arab oil was a weapon in the same way that "part of international high finance" was a weapon for Israel, has been severely criticized by at least two influential Italian newspapers.

Punish Soviet

WASHINGTON -

Sen. Richard Schweiker (R.-Pa.), has demanded that the U.S. sever trade relations with the Soviet Union until the Arab oil embargo against America is ended.

No back-lash

NEW YORK -

There has been little evidence to-date of an anti-Semitic backlash stemming from the energy crisis, Jewish community relations experts say.

Uncover terrorist plot

COPENHAGEN -

The Swedish daily, Expressen, says a plot by a Communist organization and Palestinian terrorists to wage a campaign or murder, sabotage and hijacking against Jews and Israelis, has been uncovered by a former member of the Swedish secret service.

Soviet Jews in Germany

WEST BERLIN -

About 100 Soviet Jews have arrived in West Berlin to settle either in the city or in other parts of West Germany. They came because they felt strong links with German culture or had relatives living in the country.

Religious leaders assail Father Daniel Berrigan

NEW YORK (JTA) -

Leading Jewish and Christian theologians declared that "anti-Zionism is a guise for anti-Semitism" and one of them, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, assailed Father Daniel Berrigan who had recently castigated Israel.

The comments were made at an all-day Conference on Anti-Semitism and Anti-Zionism sponsored by the Commission on inter-Religious Affairs of the American Zionist Federation.

In assailing Berrigan, Rabbi Hertzberg told the more than 100 Christian and Jewish leaders attending the conclave that he was referring to a speech by Berrigan delivered at a meeting of the Association of Arab University Graduates on Oct. 19 in Washington. The anti-Vietnam War priest castigated Israel for "domestic repression, deception, cruelty, militarism," for having turned the "settler ethos" into the "imperial adventure," for having failed "to create new forms of political life for her own citizens" for having created "one and a half million refugees."

Rabbi Hertzberg said that "Berrigan would have us believe as he wrote that 'many American Jewish leaders were capable of ignoring the Asian holocaust in favor of economic and military aid to Israel. Those who had resisted the war had to live with that fact. The fate of the Vietnamese was as unimportant to the Zionists in our midst as was the fate of the Palestinians.' After this ringing denunciation, Berrigan asserts that the great majority of the american Jewish community 'refused the bait offered by Nixon and peddled by their own leaders' -- that is, they resisted Zionism."

Rabbi Hertzberg said that "this distinction of his has absolutely nothing to do with the truth. Israel is supported by the overwhelming majority of the American Jews; that includes the majorty which Berrigan praises as remaining firmly on the side of the angels and uninfluenced by the Zionists.

More of the major organizations of the American Jewish community pronounced formally against the Vietnam War than were to be found anywhere else in America. This included not only such bodies as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the American Jewish Congress, but also the Labor Zionist Alliance, the group in America closest to the Labor Zionist Party in Israel, the essence of the governing coalition that Daniel Berrigan denounces so assiduously.".

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THE CAMERA TAKES AIM AT TODAY'S SCENES IN ISRAEL

Photographer Jacob El-Baz recently returned from Israel where he captured a number of post-war scenes with his camera. Top left, old gentleman points to Labor Party election poster. Because of the war, the election was postponed. Top centre, children examine bomb fragments in northern Israel town. Top right, a blind Arab is helped by an Israeli soldier to get down some stairs in Jerusalem. Bottom left is scene in Meah, Shearim quarter in Jerusalem. Bottom right, Arab and Jew work side by side in a store.

Civil service status of Israeli rabbis is viewed as handicap

By ADIN STEINSALTZ

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –

Any broad discussion of the rabbinate in Israel inevitably turns into a discussion of the crisis within the rabbinate. This crisis, however, is not typically Israeli. It is a general Jewish crisis, connected with the social and spiritual development of Jewry in the past hundred years or so.

The role of the rabbis is rather special because, although he is chosen by the community which he serves, his authority is derived from another source, from the Torah, and he is its interpreter and representative. The rabbi, therefore, cannot really represent or speak for the people of his community outside a certain very narrow field, unless, they, like him, accept the authority of the Torah over the whole compass of life.

Another difficulty stems from the fact that his role is not essentially a sacramental, a purely religious one. Unlike the Catholic priest who serves by virtue of holy orders and actually holds in his hand the sole authority to perform the sacraments, the rabbi has no essential function which cannot be performed by someone else.

A special Israeli aspect of the general problem of the role of the rabbi is the fact that the Israeli rabbi is a civil servant employed by the state. This bestows on him a certain happy independence from the community and its financial leaders. But it may also result in his lacking incentive to play an active role in the community or to introduce a personal note into his relations with the people.

A complicating factor is the existence of religious councils in every community. The religious council is a body composed, according to law, of representatives of the public concerned. Those chosen to serve on it are largely selected by the political parties. The religious council is allocated its budget by the Ministry for Religious Affairs and by the local authorities and its task is to supply the inhabitants of the locality with all the religious services required.

The rabbi is not a member of the religious council. He is employed by it and, together with the other religious or semi-religious functionaries, has to provide all the religious services he can. The rabbi therefore represents the local religious-political institution but does not stand at the head of it, and he cannot, by virtue of his legal position, direct the activities of the council or influence it.

There is yet another element in Israel which makes the problem more acute: the existence of the yeshivot and the strong influence of heads of yeshivot and even of the yeshiva graduates in the community. The head of a yeshiva is not only the spiritual leader of his school; his influence often extends beyond the school and beyond the intellectual-scholarly matters to the field of ideas and ideologies.

The rabbi in Israel finds that his traditional role is narrowing, while his education follows the old traditional pattern. The material he studies and on which he is examined has become less and less useful in terms of his everyday preoccupations, while those fields of operation which do engage him are quite outside the yeshiva curriculum.

Relations with the large non-religious public are a serious problem in themselves. The rabbi usually comes from a religious background, which is a different social and cultural milieu from that of most of his secular-minded community. The gap between their respective views and values is often much greater than he can bridge. Even the formal respect shown to clericals in other countries is relatively absent in Israel.

Among possible solutions, one might be the emergence of the rabbi from the confines of religious party politics and the narrow scope of his ritual duties (from the butcher shop to the mikva, as one rabbi put it) and his active participation in public life, on the basis of a definite moral and Jewish point of view. This may well make him a controversial figure, but it will at least reinforce his role as a representative of living Judaism.

Another possible solution is for the rabbi to resume the traditional role of teacher of Torah to the people. In other words, obligated to instruct anyone who asks for instruction, whether young or old, religious or non-religious, those who are close to his own mode of living and those who are very far from it. This obligation to teach, if properly carried out, could make the rabbi in Israel a genuinely influential factor in the future of Judaism and the Torah in the Jewish state.

Rostow denounces Soviet's use of war as instrument policy

NEW YORK –

The Soviet Union has deliberately used aggressive war as an instrument of national policy and in so doing "has not hesitated to exploit anti-Semitism as a weapon," Eugene Rostow told the national executive council of the American Jewish Committee.

The former under secretary of state for political affairs and the current president of the Atlantic Treaty Association, charged that the Soviet Union has thus far "brutally repudiated the very premise of detente." Later in his analysis of the Soviet role in the Middle East, Rostow declared:

"A definitive peace between Israel and Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon is indispensable in many perspectives. It should permit the moderate Arab states to recover their equilibrium, and to convince Egypt and Syria that their willingness to act as Soviet proxies has brought them nothing but tragedy. It should permit our relations with oil producing states to return to normal, or to something a great deal more like normal than the present situation.

"And we can hope, at least, that it would help the Soviet Union to realize it takes two to make detente, and that detente is a goal to be realized by responsible political action, not a mask for old-fashioned imperialism as usual. We should not hesitate to be quite blunt about what the Soviet Union has done."

Rostow said there was no hope for detente between the United States and the Soviet Union if the latter continues to sponsor and incite limited wars in open violation of the United Nations Charter, and to terminate them only when they face unacceptable risks.

Like the Korean aggression of 1950, the Arab attack of Oct. 6 was a carefully planned Soviet move, threatening fundamental security interests of the United States, Rostow asserted. He reviewed the new relations between China and the United States which, in the long run and if well managed, should impose general restraints on the Soviets.

"It is, after all, a relation intended to restrain the Soviet Union," Rostow said.

The 1967 resolution embodied a "package deal" and there was no basis for the view that it required any Israeli withdrawals whatever from the 1967 ceasefire lines until the parties have made peace, Rostow stressed. The speaker denounced what he described as "cynical exploitation of Arab resentment at the existence of Israel." By 1967, the Soviet Union had made enough progress in its campaign . . . to venture to incite a war against Israel by deliberate circulation of false reports that Israel was mobilizing to invade Syria.

"In 1973, we have witnessed a replay of that scenario," Rostow declared. "The Soviet Union has spent six years and untold billions of dollars in training, equipping and directing Arab armies and preparing them for the Holy War against Israel. This time, the Soviet plan came much closer to success, both in radicalizing the Arab states and in dividing America from its allies."

Rostow told his audience that in the long run it would be impossible for the U.S. and its allies to protect their common interests if they act in accordance with the rules of the charter while their adversaries continue openly to violate them.

No peace at Geneva, academics say because Arabs will never accept us

By YITZHAK RABI

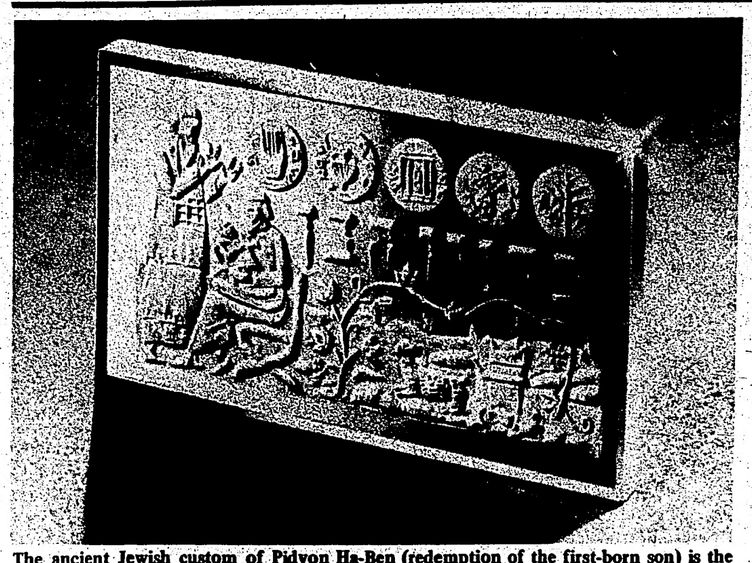
NEW YORK (JTA) –

Three Israeli academicians have agreed that the Middle East peace conference scheduled to open in Geneva next week will not achieve its goal of a permanent peace settlement in the Middle East because it is totally unrealistic "to expect the Arabs to accept Israel."

That opinion was expressed by Amnon Rubenstein, dean of the law faculty at Tel Aviv University; Shlomo Avineri, chairman of the political science department at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; and David Weiss, professor of immunology at the Hebrew University. They spoke and replied to questions at a press briefing at the Israeli Consulate here.

They maintained that the most that could be achieved at the Geneva conference is a disengagement of the armies in the area. But Weiss observed that despite the hatred that now prevails, peace in the Middle East is possible, as history has shown in other cases, notably between the U.S. and Japan after World War II.

Rubenstein contended that the Soviet Union aims at the ultimate destruction of Israel.



The ancient Jewish custom of Pidyon Ha-Ben (redemption of the first-born son) is the subject of the second of 18 solid sterling silver ingots designed by Rina Rotholz for the Judaic Heritage Society. The infant held by his father is being blessed by priest.

2nd issue of The Chai Ingot Collection

Liberation from slavery to be memorialized

NEW YORK -

The great liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt will be memorialized in silver in January when The Judaic Heritage Society sends to its subscribers the second issue of The Chai Ingot Collection. This will be the **Pidyon Ha-Ben** ingot bearing an original work of art by Israel-born Rina Rotholz, depicting **Pidyon Ha-Ben**, the ancient Jewish ceremony of redemption of the firstborn son on the 31st day after birth.

The ceremony of redeeming the firstborn son from the service of the Lord has its origin at the time of the exodus from the land of Egypt. In the last of the 10 plagues God inflicted on the Egyptians, prior to the liberation, their firstborn, man and beast, were struck down, (Ex. 11:5; 12:12), but the firstborn of the Israelites were not touched. Thus the Lord acquired title to Israel's firstborn by having preserved them, "for all the first-born are Mine: on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the first-born in Israel, both man and beast. Mine shall they be: I am the Lord," (Num. 3:13).

Later, the Levites were taken by the Lord to replace the firstborn of all the other tribes for service in connection with the sanctuary, (Num. 3:12). In return for this, every firstborn Israelite was to be redeemed by paying five shekels to a cohen, descendant of the priestly family belonging to the tribe of Levi, (Ex. 13: 13; Num. 18:16).

In the original work created by Rina Rotholz, the **Pidyon Ha-Ben** ingot portrays the priestly blessing of the firstborn son held by the father. The traditional position of the priest's fingers is shown. Above the Hebrew letters, **Pidyon Ha-Ben**, are seen miniature replicas of five coins of Bar Kochba issued in the second century. C.E. Throughout the ages, observant Jews have used silver coins of the realm. Also shown on the obverse of the ingot is a four-cornered stone altar from Megiddo dating back nearly three thousand years.

The **Pidyon Ha-Ben** ingot is the second in a series of 18 silver ingots honoring a traditional Jewish festival or ceremony. Each is an original work of art by Rina Rotholz, commissioned by The Judaic Heritage Society for the First Edition of The Chai Ingot Collection, limited to 1,000 sets. Each proof quality ingot, produced by The Franklin Mint, contains 1,000 grains of silver (2.15 troy ounces) and measures 2.22 inches wide and 1.25 inches high.

Destruction by fire of synagogues protested

NEW YORK (JTA) -

Two major Jewish organizations, the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council and British Abraham, a national fraternal order, have strongly protested to Police Commissioner Donald Cawley over the wanton attacks and destruction of five synagogues by fire in Brooklyn in recent months, all in the predominantly white middle class Flatbush section.

Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman, president of the Community Council and Leo S. Spooner, grand master of Brith Abraham, called for intensive police protection. They noted that the five synagogues have been burned since the start of the Yom Kippur War.

Rabbi Krietman wrote in part: "The Brooklyn Jewish Community Council, which represents all the major Jewish organizations and synagogues in the Brooklyn area, protests these wanton attacks and destruction of our sacred places. We insist upon a more proper police protection and police surveillance of our houses of worship and study. We are cognizant that we have entered a period of great tension and friction within our community. It is at this particular moment that we need intensive police protection of our Jewish institutions within our community."

He concluded by stating that the Council is ready to be of assistance "to you and your department to work out ways and means of affording this community its needed protecting thereby allaying its mounting fears." Spooner, was grand master, represents more than 200 lodges, stated in part: "In view of all these five fires in synagogues, which strikes us as being anti-Semitic in nature, we urge you to take strong measures in providing additional police protection against these hoodlums."

The institutions struck by fire are: Sephardic Institute for Advanced Learning which houses a synagogue and yeshiva; Shaare Zion; B'nai Akiva; Ahavath Achim and Mirrer Yeshiva. The fires at the Sephardic Institute, the latest in the arson incidents in the Flatbush area, caused damages of close to $1 million according to synagogue officials. In addition, the fire killed a painter working in the building at the time of the blaze.

The inquiry commission set up to probe the conduct of the October War held its first meeting at the former justice ministry building in Jerusalem. From left are Prof. Yidgal Yadin, Justice Moshe Landau, Justice Shimon Agranat, Dr. I. E. Nenbenzshi and Haim Laskov, a former chief of staff of Israel's defence forces. (IPPA Photo)

Arab-Israel conflict just an excuse for implementing planned measures

By HAIM SHACHTER

NEW YORK -

It's a gross mistake to assume that the current energy crisis and the rising cost of oil are just a temporary outcome of the Arab-Israel conflict and the present war. This conflict has simply given the Arabs a pretext for their blackmail, to which most countries in the world are shamelessly giving way, and an excuse to implement measures that they have been considering for a long time, along with countries as unaffected by the conflict such as Venezuela, for example.

According to a survey undertaken by Dr. Eliezer Sheffer, director general of the Bank of Israel, and lecturer on Middle East economics at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, oil consumption has been rising annually by about 7%, thus doubling itself every decade. In 1950 the global consumption of petroleum stood at half a billion tons. It reached one billion in 1960, two billion in 1970 and in 1973 will total 2.6 billion tons.

Of the five oil producing regions in the world, America consumes more than it produces, the Communist bloc countries consume almost the whole of their production, Venezuela exports the whole of its production to the United States, the Far East produces far less than it consumes, leaving the Persian Gulf and the African countries to supply the world's oil shortages, with Western Europe and Japan being mainly dependent on this source of oil supply.

Oil exporting countries will continue to control the amount of oil that they sell, thus keeping prices high, israel-Arab conflict or no. And no one will be able to convince the Arabs that they are being rapacious if the governments in most industrial nations charge well over 50% of the price of oil in tax. Nor can the oil producing countries have any interest in seeing their "liquid assets" pumped out of the ground at a great rate.

Libya, for instance, was producing oil in the late 60's at a rate which, if kept up, would exhaust her supplies in less than 20 years, at the end of which she would once more return to her position of insignificance in the world. Thus the Arabs have recognized that it is to their advantage to ration the producton of oil instead of increasing it continuously to meet the industrial nations' growing craving for this source of energy. Nor would the Arabs lose any money through their tactics. If all the Arab countries unite in their decision to keep oil in short supply, the higher prices that it would fetch would ensure that their income remained at its former level.

Haim Shachter, a frequent contributor to the Anglo-Jewish Press, is editor of the WZO Press Service.

Friedman is honored

By ANNE F. KORN

TORONTO -

"Warm, affectionate and knowledgeable" were some of the words used to describe Milton Friedman, director of Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto in a tribute to his 25 years in that capacity.

About 150 people attended a luncheon in his honor at Holy Blossom Temple on Sunday. The JVS is a voluntary association providing specialized counseling, placement and rehabilitation services for men and women of all ages.

"We hope you'll stay with JVS as long as you want," said Robert Hall, past president of JVS, speaking on behalf of the board of directors and the community.

Ontario Revenue Minister Allen Grossman and Federal Manpower and Immigration Minister Robert Andras sent Friedman a congratulatory letter and a telegram respectively, which were read aloud. Bernie Berger, associate director of JVS, stressed Friedman's "genius" in recruiting first class staff.

In response to this praise, Friedman, humorously remarked: "On this, my 25th anniversary, I can honestly say I'm just beginning to catch on."

Friedman noted the past quarter century has gone by very quickly. It has provided him with "a sense of accomplishment, involvement, good fellowship and fun," he commented.

He was especially proud of the staff. "Community service on the whole seems to attract very nice people," he exclaimed.

Deeply moved, he thanked everyone for making him feel welcome in what was a strange community 25 years ago when he first came to Toronto.

Some of JVS's major accomplishments, Friedman said, have been starting a major rehabilitation centre, organizing an award winning course for caretakers, and fostering a new look at elderly people and seeing "the real poverty of their lives."

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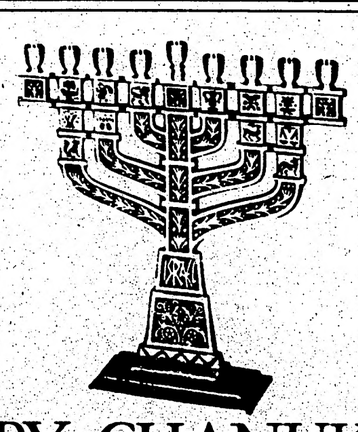

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Two respected figures named by military; move to restore IDF's deterrent capability

By YORAM KESSEL

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –

Two top-level appointments announced by the Israel defence forces since the ceasefire came into effect suggest the restoration of Israel's deterrent capability is already in full swing.

Major-General Avraham Tamir has been named head of the general staff's newly-established planning branch and Professor Yuval Ne'eman, a reserve colonel, has been appointed special adviser to the head of military intelligence, Major-General Eliahu Zeira.

Maj.-Gen. Tamir, 49, is widely regarded as one of the country's senior strategists and many aspects of his career have been compared with those of the famous British strategist, Basil Liddell Hart.

Using a phony birth certificate, since he was still under age, Tamir managed to enlist in the British army during World War II. Even at that age, he is said to have been able to perceive the limits of dedication to traditional principles and to have noted anachronistic aspects of planning and organization.

He was born in Tel Aviv but grew up in Jerusalem where his parents still live. His schoolfriends included a whole generation of young men who were to become some of Israel's top military commanders.

He fought with the Hagana in the 1948 battle for Jerusalem, in which he was wounded, and later served as the last commander of the Etzion block, on the road from Bethlehem to Hebron, until it was overrun by the Arab Legion. It was while he was being taken into captivity in Jordan that he learned of the establishment of the state of Israel.

On his release, he returned to the Israel defence forces and was sent to staff college in Britain. He returned to become a founder of Israel's own staff college and, after the Sinai Campaign in 1956, was one of those senior officers appointed to plan for the future on the basis of experience gained in this first confrontation between a former Israeli defence force and Arab army.

"Abrashe", as he is familiarly known, has a reputation as a man not easy to work with because of the demands he makes both upon his staff and himself. What has impressed those who have worked with him is his wide angle of approach and attention to detail.

During this latest war, he left the General Staff HQ to join General "Arik" Sharon's formation in Sinai which was soon to breach the Egyptian bridgehead on the East Bank of the Suez Canal and drive across the waterway. It is being claimed in some quarters that credit for the idea of forcing the crossing was his. While he undoubtedly had a hand in it, the plan, as with much else in IDF tactics, was more likely the result of a process of percolation rather than the brainstorm of any single individual.

He will certainly have his work cut out in drawing conclusions from the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath, particularly as regards priorities for the acquisition and absorption of new and more appropriate weaponry and in planning to meet the new strategic considerations which might result from the talks now going on.

Prof. Ne'eman's appointment is no surprise at a time when Israel confronts a complex political and possibly even military struggle. Aged 49, he is a scientist of international status as well as having been a distinguished soldier. During the Sinai Campaign he served as deputy director of intelligence and was later an attache in London.

He was already renowned in the nuclear physics world in the early 60s and, before his more recent appointment as president of Tel Aviv University, was scientific director of Israel's nuclear reactor at Nahal Sorek and a member of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission.

His scientific pursuits have meant he has remained in touch with the armed forces. He created a furor immediately after the war when he published an article suggesting Israel should retain all of her strategic territorial gains, arguing "the only way of reaching a de facto peace is by creating conditions which preclude not merely the possibility of the Arabs defeating Israel, but to destroy their hopes that it is ever possible to do so."

There is no secret about the fact that neither Prof. Ne'eman nor Maj.-Gen. Tamir are "doves" by inclination. However, the strength of both men is that they are sophisticated enough to be capable of assessing anew and realistically the conditions as they exist at any given time and of determining the real strategic objectives without political or emotional overtones.

Weizmann Institute visit made by Study Mission

REHOVOT –

Despite their already crowded schedule, two dozen members of the UIA's First President's Study Mission from Toronto, headed by mission leader Murray B. Koffler, found time last week for a brief, unscheduled visit to the Weizmann Institute of Science.

This was natural for Koffler, who is president of the Weizmann Institute's Canadian Society, as well as the man behind the 19-storey Koffler Accelerator Tower now being built on the institute's campus. On its completion in 1975, the Koffler Tower will house an ultra-modern 14-UD Pelletron Accelerator (atom smasher), which will help keep Israeli physicists in the forefront of nuclear research.

The Torontonians visited the site of the tower — construction of which has been somewhat delayed by the Yom Kippur War — where they heard about the research to be carried out with the new accelerator from Institute Professor Cyril Broude, formerly of Canada's Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories.

The Koffler Accelerator Tower and adjoining laboratories will form the first stage of the Canadian Center for Nuclear Physics, intended to serve not only physicists from the institute but also physicists from research centres around the world. A "joint enterprise" shared by the institute, the Hebrew University and the University of the Negev, these facilities will be used also by other Israeli institutes of higher learning and research.

In a festive luncheon, opened by Koffler, the Toronto presidents heard a somber assessment of the problems facing the institute and Israel as a whole from Weizman Institute President Professor Israel Dostrovsky. Even with over 20% of its staff mobilized, he declared, the institute had kept operating and would continue to do so, just as Israeli industry and agriculture were going ahead despite manpower shortages.

Answering the question often posed in recent months, as to whether Israel could afford the "luxury" of scientific research during such a difficult period, Prof. Dostrovsky said that research had to continue: "We are not fighting just for another piece of desert, but for the right to retain and develop our cultural heritage, of which the Weizmann Institute is an extremely significant part."

Weizmann Institute Chancellor Meyer W. Weisgal, whose extraordinary vitality continues although he recently celebrated his 79th birthday, greeted the presidents at lunch and later entertained them at his campus home.

Nobel award furore

NEW YORK (JTA) –

An international controversy has arisen over the award of this year's Nobel Prize in life sciences to Konrad Lorenz, an Austrian scientist accused in some circles of having propagated Nazi racial theories. According to an article by Wallace Cloud appearing in the Dec. issue of The Sciences, a magazine published by the New York Academy of Sciences, Lorenz's theories of human nature "holds that people are instinct-driven, born to kill, virtually incapable of self-control" and therefore, human society should be subject to strict order. Lorenz in his writings has also advocated "extermination of elements of the population loaded with dregs."

In an Amsterdam television interview last month, Lorenz denied allegations of his Nazi past and denied that he had written in 1940 that the Nordic race was superior.

Complete health network

JERUSALEM –

Construction of a network of health cure facilities at Hamei-Zohar, on the Dead Sea coast, has been completed, at the cost of $720,000.

This was announced recently to 21 French travel agents, who have come to Israel to investigate the possibility of encouraging health cure tourism from France. The installations include modern medical equipment to facilitate various kinds of treatment.

The spokesman of the ministry of tourism said two Swiss and German international experts on mineral water and the planning of health spas have been invited to Israel and will arrive this month in order to draw up a nationwide master plan for spas in Israel.

Meanwhile, the year 1974 has been declared International Health Cure Year by the International Health Cure Organization in Switzerland. In Israel, plans are being made to commemorate the year and will include medical congresses.

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JERUSALEM -

Warm summer sunshine is just around the corner from winter's chill in Israel. In Jerusalem, high in the Judean Hills, people turn on central heating while 15 miles away at the Dead Sea bathers soak up the sun.

When chilly winds blow through the Galilean hilltop town of Safed, neighboring Tiberias lazes languorously in the sun. One can swim, sunbathe, scuba dive and even heal oneself at Israel's famous spa resorts during the winter months.

And the most beautiful thing about it is that travel to Israel costs much less during the winter. This winter, from now until Feb. 28, a special 10-day fare of $385 round trip from New York with $59 minimum land arrangements makes it possible for everyone to soak up the sun in Israel for as little as $444.

The winter sun-seeker will certainly want to make his way up to Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. As he turns through the hills, he will suddenly come to a magnificent vista of a glistening blue lake bounded by rose colored hills, lush with date palms and flowers. Here he may find facilities for swimming, waterskiing and boating. About 2,000 years ago Herod Antipas noted the natural assets of the area, including the hot springs gushing from the earth, and he decided to build a city here in honor of the Emperor Tiberius. It seems the emperor did not take the trouble to inspect his birthday present, but many of his generals and administrators did and Tiberias became a very popular resort during the Roman occupation. Romans were great connoisseurs of baths and Herod Antipas built bath facilities at the hot springs, the remains of which can be seen today.

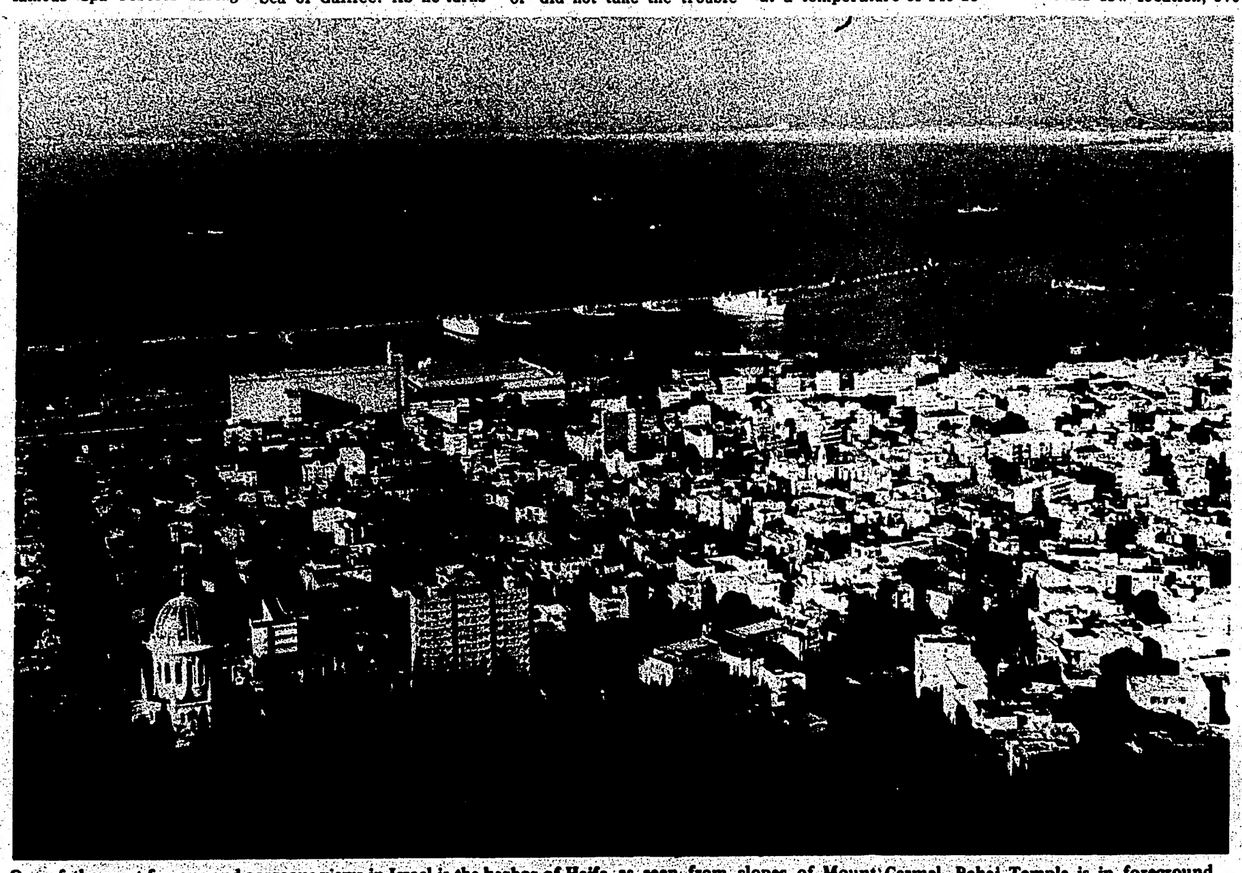
Today's bathers, however, have more up to date facilities. The spring waters, which come out of the ground at a temperature of 140 degrees F. are channeled into an ultra-modern bath house, equipped with pools, private baths, departments for mud pack treatment, massage, hydrotherapy and physiotherapy. Treatment is given for such ailments as rheumatism, joint inflammation, spinal and muscular trouble, nervous disturbances, sterility and respiratory defects.

Tiberias' sunny climate virtually all year round is due to its low location, 670 feet below sea level. Maximum temperatures in January (the coldest month) average 69 degrees while the lake water registers 64 degrees.

In Tiberias you can pamper yourself in first class hotels or in less luxurious accommodations. Some of them, including a bungalow hotel, are located on the lake front, others nestle among palm trees on the hillside. There are a number of youth hostels whose panoramic views can compete with those of the best hotels. And a kibbutz guest house, modern, charming and spotlessly clean is something you will find only in Israel. Lakeside camping and pilgrim hospices offer other alternatives in Tiberias.

Life in Tiberias concentrates, as a matter of course on the lakefront with its fish restaurants, cafes, night clubs, bathing beaches and moorings. Most activities continue into the night under the starlit sky. But Tiberias, like every resort in Israel, has more to offer than sun and fun -- it adds the dimension of history. Tiberias itself has the tomb of Maimonides, one of the greatest Jewish thinkers.

A short drive away is Safed, the historic centre of Jewish mysticism. Mount Tabor, also in the area, was the site of the victory of Deborah over Sisera's armies, and Mount Gilboa is where Saul and Jonathan met their tragic end in the war against the Philistines. The famed Jordan River has its sources in the Galilee area and it flows through the lake and curves southward to the lowest spot on earth -- the Dead Sea, 1,200 feet below sea level.



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Find structure in Pezael area

By AVI ILLAN

DAVAR -

A large structure, dating back to the Chalcolithic period (over 5,000 years) is being unearthed in archaeological digs being carried out in the area of Pezael -- a city that was built by King Herod in the Judean Desert.

The 56.1' x 49.5' structure was likely a public building. The potsherds found indicate that the structure belongs to a late Assulai stage of the Chalcolithic period -- that is the last third of the fourth millenium BCE. It is named after Taliat A'ssal which is east of the Jordan River, near the Dead Sea, where this civilization was first found.

In this area, two tiny mounds were found, containing Chalcolithic remains. The dig was conducted by the antiquities department of the chief archaeological headquarters for Judea and Samaria prior to the construction of permanent structures in the Pezael settlement. The new finds indicate that settlement began in this water-blessed area in an early period.

In the Pezael area itself, which is to be cultivated, above-ground and underground irrigation systems of the Byzantine period were uncovered within a large farm area (about 625 acres). The farm was surrounded by a stone fence, and in the northern section, a gate was found.

What is unique in the irrigation method in Pezael is that some of the water was trapped underground in a method called "Kanaat" or "Fugrot" that is still practiced in Iran. Among the other sections of the irrigation network that was uncovered, was a pool of water that had served the needs of the farm.

Fascinating hills

TIBERIAS -

There is virtually no end to what may and can be done from and in Tiberias. The hills round about are fascinatingly full of wild life -- birds, of many varieties, a rich insect life, including many magnificently shaded butterflies, flowers and flowering shrubs to make a luxuriant paradise, the occasional wild boar, deer, packs of jackals, horses, rabbits and a host of smaller furry members of the animal kingdom.

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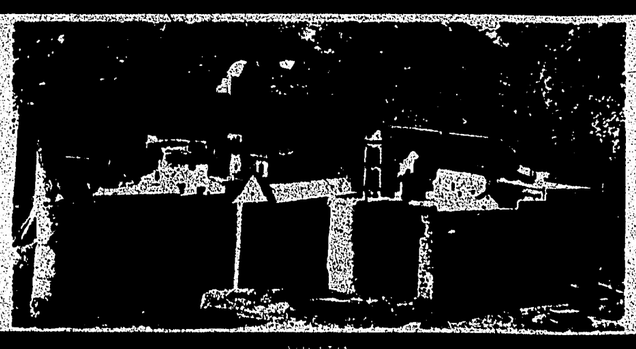

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By MOSHE KOL

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As was every branch of our economy, tourism was also hard hit as a result of the fighting, and now it is incumbent upon us that we mount further effort to reactivate the tourism economy. This is the time to join forces and strive toward the rehabilitation of this important industry, not only to overcome the present difficulties but also to achieve new records and better results than heretofore. Only this kind of co-operation will assure our attaining the vital goal so important to all of us.

In order to obtain a clear picture of the situation and make an attempt to solve the problem in proper fashion, we should analyse the implications of the war relevant to tourism. In this connection, we should compare the present situation with the aftermath of the Six Day War.

The 1967 war exceedingly changed Israel's tourism map: Jerusalem was united, the Machpelah Cave in Hebron and Rachel's tomb on the outskirts of Bethlehem were opened again to visiting Jews, as were the Golan and Sinai with all their sites -- and this enabled us to variegate and offer a selection of new tours.

The events of the Six Day War brought world Jewry and other factors closer to us, and we therefore witnessed a renewal of the stream to Israel, once the fighting had died down. From the tourism standpoint, this was a period of the summer months when vacations are taken in the United States, Canada, Europe and elsewhere in the world. We were thus able to utilize this fact for a rapid restoration of the tourism economy. But even in that instance, the flow was not resumed automatically but rather by stages, and months passed before we could see an augmented flow of tourism.

As for the implications of the Yom Kippur War, we are still in a ceasefire situation, facing prolonged negotiations and prospects of a settlement between the parties. Moreover, we are now in the winter months, which are not the vacation time abroad, and we therefore cannot expect a swift and immediate resumption of the flow, as was the case after the Six Day War.

To illustrate my statements, I should like to quote some figures. In 1966, the year before the Six Day War, 328,000 tourists visited Israel; in 1967 -- 291,000. It is noteworthy that, in the first months after the 1967 fighting, there was some resumption of the tourist flow to Israel, but its numbers lagged behind those recorded during the same months of the preceding year. It was only in October that we were able to balance the number of tourists, to some extent. In November the flow increased and exceeded the number of tourists in November of 1966. This means that, in that period as well, we experienced a recovery period extending three to four months.

If we go by this estimate, it seems to me that in a few months -- and I hope they will really not be many -- we shall achieve recovery and a definite stabilization of Israel's tourism economy. I am happy to note that already we are witness to the first signs in this direction. Cruise ships are again calling at our ports, and the airline companies have resumed their flights to Israel, carrying large groups of Jewish and non-Jewish visitors. It should be noted that even during the days of fighting the flow was not choked off altogether; groups of Christian and Jewish pilgrims came to Israel, choosing not to cancel their planned trips. True, this flow was limited in scope, but we should be thankful for it.

I ask you not to treat the current situation as a "tourist disaster," for if your sentiments become known abroad, the repercussions will not be favorable. On the contrary, we must have a constructive approach, and instead of lowering our heads we should raise our eyes and view the future with optimism.

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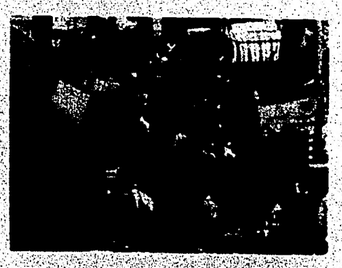

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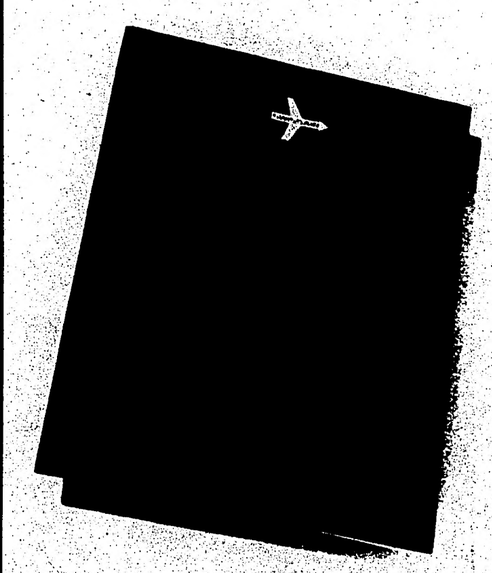

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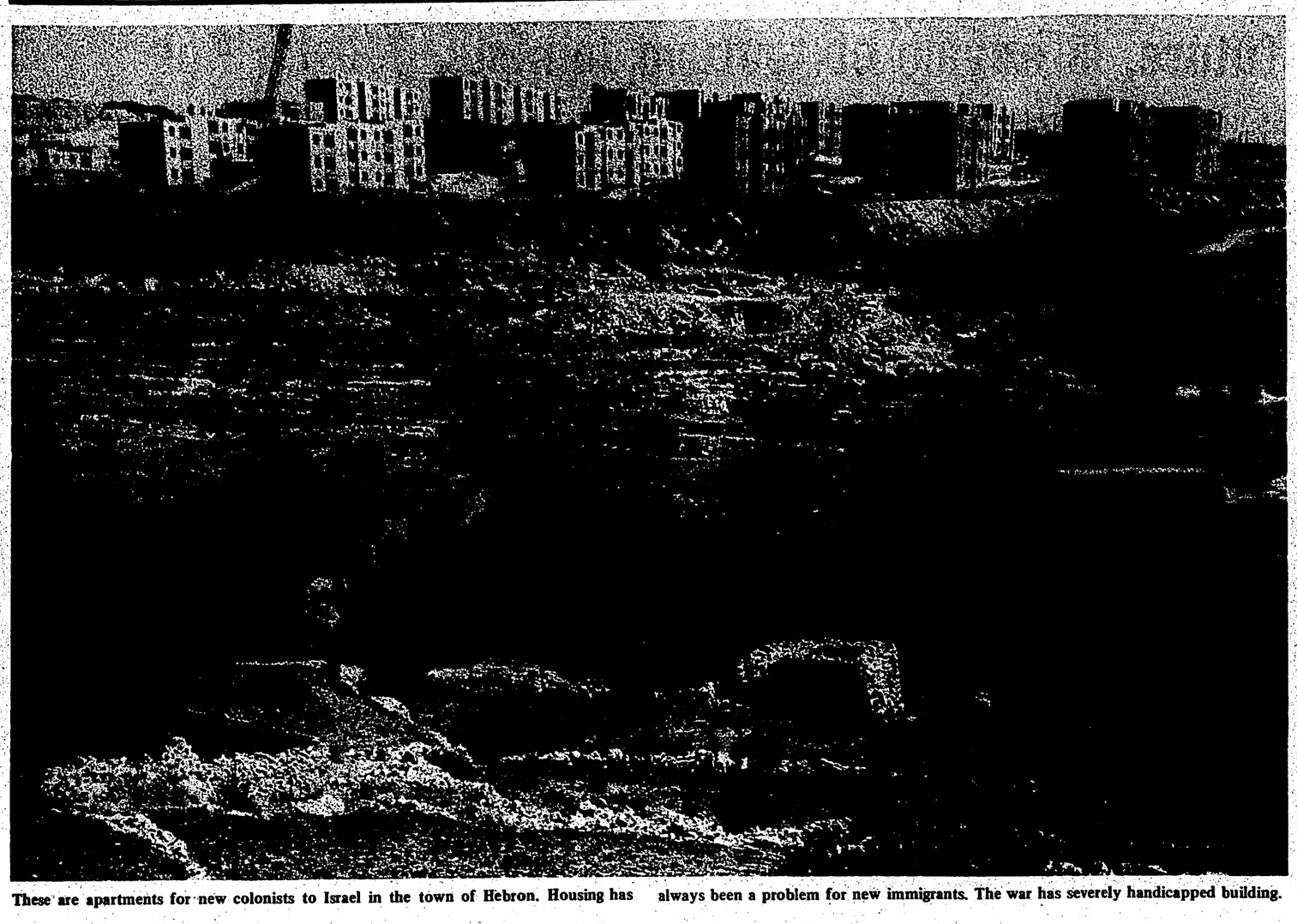

These are apartments for new colonists to Israel in the town of Hebron. Housing has always been a problem for new immigrants. The war has severely handicapped building.

House shortage aggravated by war

JERUSALEM -

Housing has always been a critical problem for new immigrants. The steady influx of newcomers, the need to replace existing substandard housing, the demand by new family units -- needy young couples -- for apartments, and the need to provide additional space for large families has resulted in a situation in which the staggering economic cost has made it difficult to find an adequate solution to the problem.

Prior to the Yom Kippur War, Free World Jewry -- through the Jewish Agency -- had provided nearly a third of the housing units required for new immigrants. Now, because of the war, we will have to expand our commitment and take on full financial support of this important area of human need.

At this moment, building is severely handicapped by the mobilization of the major portion of Israel's labor force. The erection of 19,000 dwelling units for new immigrants have been programed for the next 18 months.

Completions were scheduled at about 1,000 a month. October, 1973, was not only a month of war, but also a month of high immigration -- 5,200 newcomers arrived in Israel in spite of hostilities. A sufficient number of retired and elderly building workers were found to complete 800 apartments, but a better solution is not yet in sight.

Rising costs, due to inflationary pressures generated by the war, will raise the price of immigrant apartments to over $20,000 per unit. And immigration forecasts for the next 18 months show that the 19,000 housing units planned will not even satisfy requirements for new immigrants, much less other priorities.

When the Jewish Agency executive meets shortly, it will have to direct its attention to this very serious problem of allocating funds while determining the order of priorities -- new immigrants, needy young couples, repair of war-damaged housing in kibbutzim and moshavim in the north, and relief of overcrowded families.

In all, 12,000 immigrants are now in absorption centres and hostels in Israel, including some 1,200 aged. And 20% of those in absorption centres have been there for more than the usual six month stay, due to the severe shortage of immigrant housing. As more newcomers complete the usual five-month Hebrew course, they too, must remain in absorption centres. With shortages in permanent housing, longer than usual stays in absorption centres, and increased immigration, the Jewish Agency is finding it more and more difficult to meet new immigrant needs.

The situation of the aged living in hostels is far from satisfactory. In many of the facilities, it is difficult for these old people to prepare their own food, and lead a normal life. But since there is a limited availability of space in homes for the aged, and a severe shortage of small apartments, hostels must be used as a temporary measure.

Serious attention must also be given to young single people. When they leave their hostels and ulpan-kibbutzim, they have to go on the open market for housing, and most of them cannot afford it.

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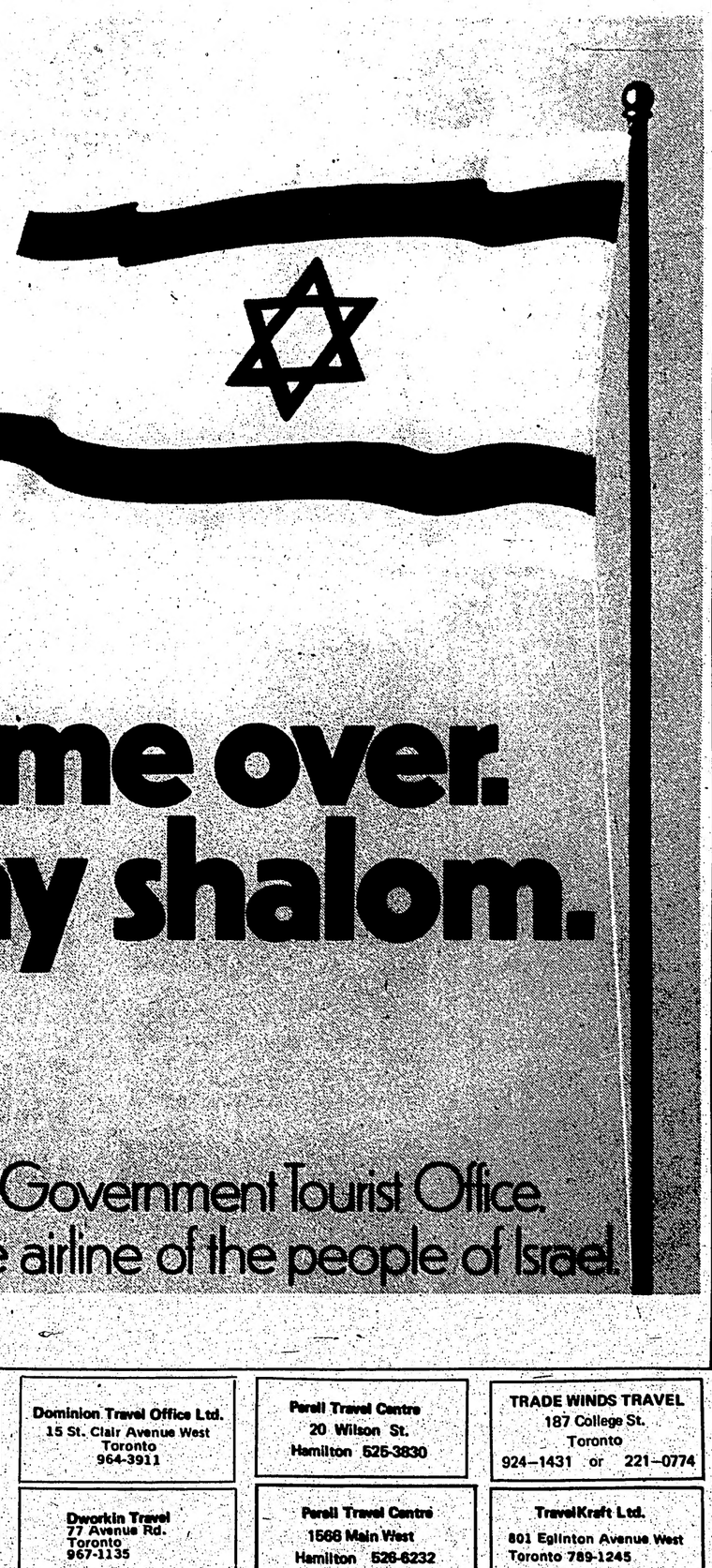

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Barbados became an independent nation in 1966.

There are still traces of the English today; in the many place names, in the red brick buildings bordering the Garrison Savannah, in the market town atmosphere of Bridgetown, the capital city, with its Trafalgar Square and Harbour Police dressed in the uniform of Nelson's day.

One of the great attractions of Barbados is that it is so different. Barbados is clean, cool, relaxed, stable, and friendly, in a happy combination.

Despite the limitation of its size — it is only 21 miles long by 14 miles at its widest point — there is a great deal to see. The roads are good, and transportation is convenient and reliable.

A tour of the island should start at historic Bridgetown, but nowhere is the mellow magic better seen and felt than in the wonderful countryside with rolling hills and the lush loveliness of the fields of sugar cane.

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Arts

Industrialist Gerald L. Schneider who has invested in Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz.

St. Urbain St. locale is factor in film investment

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL – Mordecai Richler's **The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz** is being transformed to screen partly because industrialist Gerald L. Schneider decided to relive his boyhood experiences growing up on St. Urbain St.

Investing some $250,000 - $300,000 in his first film, Schneider feels committed to script, and not only to potential revenue. "When Duddy's producer, John Kemeny, approached me with several scripts, I said I only wanted The Apprenticeship."

"The book really got to me," he explained. "It hit me with everything it had.

Schneider, 41, skyrocketed his way to financial fortune through eight-day work weeks, and a deep-rooted ambition to succeed.

His father was a proprietor of a little barbershop on Montreal's St. Lawrence Blvd., "a one man business where we made a living and didn't starve. Maybe we didn't know any better . . . but we sure had a great family life."

Despite the wealth Schneider has amassed, he still feels his roots lay deep in St. Urbain St., a factor which makes his soft-spoken appeal genuine and revealing.

"My ambition was always to become successful, and in those days, unlike to some extent today, it meant to make money. I didn't envy wealth as a kid, but I used those who were wealthy as a model." Today, Schneider works not so much for the financial rewards, but for the challenges posed by a vigorous business life.

He remembers grade nine as the turning point for his own financial career. Attending Baron Byng High School – depicted in Richler's novel as Fletcher Field High – Schneider was the "educated" one in the family who could easily write English.

"My father had to go to a notary to sign a lease and I went with him. After three minutes of reading, the notary abruptly said to sign it. I was scared. But what remained with me was that the notary made something like $18 for what seemed to be three minutes of work.

"I was angry at the notary's attitude, but that anger made me strive to better myself. My father always kept saying go to school."

When he was attending Baron Byng, Schneider said he spent too much of his time at the Rachel Pool Hall, a meeting place for a quick game of snooker.

In 1956 nevertheless, he graduated from McGill University with a bachelor of common law degree after studying arts for four years at Sir George Williams University.

He later founded his own notary firm, and when approached to form a partnership in construction he built a duplex in a Montreal suburb.

Founder chairman of Welco United Canada Ltd., Schneider has never looked back -- except to reflect on his days playing rag ball in a neighborhood of aspiring Jewish immigrants.

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Best and worst of 1973 selected by columnist

music

By RICK KARDONNE

The Yom Kippur War has dominated the year 1973 to such a great extent on the total Jewish collective consciousness that a summary of the past year on the general contemporary cultural front seems trivial. If one can sum up 1973 in a few words, it would have to be "gloomy, but with a small ray of hope." It was a pretty good year for movies; for everything else, 1973 was a disaster.

The pop music industry was so beset by company scandals involving mass payola and artists swindled by bad contracts, that one got the feeling the best new groups were sitting out their time until the situation became more stable.

The Broadway theatre scene remained pitiable (in the words of Rex Reed), but the rebirth of a specifically Jewish showcase and forthcoming actions by Mayor Beame could foretell better days in the months ahead.

Television's response to Watergate was refreshingly relevant at times, but the best comedy shows were Nixon's speeches themselves (especially his Nov. 17 Disney World press conference).

Most disappointing, however, was the general youth culture scene (or non-scene) as the dominant note was a reversion to what I feel is a form of bubble-gum Christian dualism, symbolized by Donny Osmond on one side of the coin and Alice Cooper on the other.

Anyway, here are my best and worst of 1973:

Best single song - **Sunshine of My Life** by Stevie Wonder.

Best album - **Chava Alberstein.**

Best vocalist - Cleo Laine, who is reviving the classic standards of the great Jewish composers of the 20s through 50s.

Best group - Deodata, not so much for **2001** but for their other album cuts.

Best Canadian performer - flutist Paul Horn, whose summer CTV program was the best music show on the tube anywhere in North America.

Best movie - **Rejeanne Padovani**, a powerfully accurate drama of Quebec today (including insights into the images of Jews in French Canada). Close behind it are **Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams, The Day of the Jackal, The Way We Were, Day for Night**, Israel's **Where are You Daniel Wacks** and Jamaica's **The Harder They Come.** I'll also never forget **American Graffiti.**

Best events of the year - Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis' Hineni, Ely Landau's American Film Theatre, and, of course, all of the unforgettable concerts during Israel's 25th anniversary celebration.

Worst event of the year - the record company scanfals, which have done so much to demoralize the entire youth-media culture.

Worst single song - **Sing a Song** by the Carpenters (political and social reaction always expounds the myth of innocent little singing children); a blatant appeal for mass indifference and ignorance.

Worst album - **Jonathan Livingston Seagull** soundtrack.

Worst movies - the above, plus **Jesus Christ Superstar**, and **Heavy Traffic.** Close behind them, I must include **The Heartbreak Kid.**

Trends to look forward to in 1974 - More and more country-western music infiltrating the top 40 and "easy listening" charts. But also, the spawning of a highly creative Jewish cultural revival and the re-emergence of a more sophisticated style of pop music (in the tradition of Gershwin and Arlen) confined to a few large urban centres.

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Marvin Swartz's art is on display at the University of Toronto. This miniature work is called A Bird Vendor.

The role of the miniature is effectively illustrated by the artist's intaglio print which is entitled Harvest.

Ability allowed individuality to 'exploit' diverse locales

art

By PAULA DAVID

Two Toronto artists held shows this week in such diverse spots as the Inn on the Park and the faculty of architecture, University of Toronto. Both Oscar Ross and Marvin Swartz were able to successfully exploit their medium with a professionalism of technique that allowed for a sensitive individualism.

Born in Toronto and presently the head of the art department at Danforth Technical School, Swartz has produced a collection of graphics that reflects a wide range of skills. Through his lithographs, intaglios, relief prints and drawings, Swartz's collection at the faculty of architecture reflects a versatility that is a pleasure to view.

Several of the works are quite small, and this combined with their delicate coloring, allows for an extremely precious effect. The role of the miniature in contemporary art is seldom given the attention it deserves, and its effectiveness is beautifully illustrated by Swartz's intaglio print **Harvest**. The delicate rhythmical line and the subtle color are combined to produce a surrealist effect that somehow remains in proportion to the miniature composition.

Swartz's delight in the media is obvious, and his statement that "If I could only pull one proof from each plate, I would still make prints," seems obvious to the viewer. He also "tries to make himself susceptible to as many influences as possible," and this combined with his rendering skills allows for the variety of style, technique and mood that carries consistently throughout the collection.

An understanding and flexibility towards colors, styles, sizes, techniques and textures are both uncommon and often unappreciated by many contemporary artists, and Swartz's fresh approach to these problems has resulted in an excellent collection.

Also an artist who realizes the full potential of his medium, sculptor Oscar Ross showed viewers at the Inn on the Park that representational sculpture really has no limitations. In each case there was no problem identifying the subject matter, but the originality came through in the simplistic textural effects and in Ross' diabolical sense of humor. A series of relatively small pieces of bench sitters showed how Ross is able to capture the futility, aloofness, and reverie that surrounds individuals that cluster on park benches, or in waiting rooms.

In the more active works, Ross is able to portray an aura of motion that is so vibrant, it is reminiscent of a solidified gesture drawing. **Balloons** is a small bronze figure that is so light and airy that it defies its actual weight and appears feather light.

Ross seems to have a penchant for pregnant women, lovers, and various aspects of humanity. All the works are sensitive, and usually cheerful or witty. He is able to manipulate the bronze so that it seems to obey his every whim, and his work reflects a great deal of conceptualizing and consideration.

Both Ross and Swartz included an informative and helpful display explaining the procedures involved in their media. Swartz showed the tools of his craft and explained basic methods of printmaking concisely and attractively in an accompanying showcase. Ross' show had a table devoted to the stages and techniques of the lost wax process by which he creates his sculpture. In both cases these displays enhanced the viewer's appreciation of the collection and provided a welcome addition to two very fine shows.

Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams

'Snapshots not enough'

movies

By BEN ROSE

Is it enough for a movie to be a series of snapshots which hold life still for a few seconds? In the case of **Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams** answer no!

There is the scene by the newly-dug grave where Joanne Woodward's brother-in-law suggests they visit a real estate agent while they wait for the undertaker to arrive with the body of Joanne's mother. "We can find out what prices are like for the farm."

There is no attempt to invest the picture with a theme. It is meant to entertain middle America with glimpses of their own lives, a kind of cultural inbreeding. There is nothing specific in the script to say it mirrors the Jewish segment of middle America, but the viewer knows.

Ten years ago there may have been an excuse for turning out such a movie. But the field has been preempted by **Goodbye Columbus, Save the Tiger** and others. The Jewish anti-Semitic writers and filmmakers have had their day; they have nothing left to say. Now the pre-occupation with warts on Jewish faces is sick.

Everything in the formula is there: the son who leaves home to live with a lover in Amsterdam; the plump daughter who knows she overeats because of her relationship with her mother; the older sister who doesn't have Joanna's good looks; and the husband who is very dull, but, turns out, of course, to have the most insight of all.

The snapshots . . . as Joanne's mother, Sylvia Sidney demonstrates middle America's intellectual sterility . . . the conversation over lunch with Joanne is about the failure of the waitress to cut the lemon into thin slices; the news about son Bobby's escape into homosexuality is related by his father in terms of the lack of a private bathroom in the Amsterdam nest.

The frightening thing about **Summer Dreams** is the possibility that it does define society today. How else is it possible to make a film about a woman's life in America in 1973 and not make one statement about poor Jews or poor Blacks or women's rights, or capitalism or socialism, for that matter?

The materialistic forces in American society are known, but is our whole culture, copper plumbing and saniflush?

What puzzles me is why Joanne Woodward did not instantly recognize the phoniness of the script.

It has all the trappings of a film, but, alas, it's only an empty shell.

'Taut and complex'

Story of quest for power gives 'hours of stimulation'

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Salamander
by Morris West

The Salamander is a novel of intrigue and disloyalty in high places. It involves the machinations of a right-wing military and political conspiracy to achieve power in present-day Italy, and the efforts of an honest and patriotic official of the service of defence information to thwart the plans of the cabal.

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The author, well known for his best selling novels, **The Shoes of the Fisherman, The Devil's Advocate,** and **The Tower of Babel** spent four years researching and writing his latest book. It offers the reader a variety of good things: a taut and complex story that is brisk in the telling; a gallery of characters that are colorful, believable and well-limned; and dialogue that is supple and intelligent. Morris West has no illusions about political man and his quest for power and domination, or the purblindness and stupidity of many in high places. The novel suffers, to some degree, from attempting to do too many things at one time, but it provides the reader with several hours of intellectual and emotional stimulation.

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As If By Magic
by Angus Wilson

What we have come to expect from Angus Wilson are novels written in the manner of the 19th century that, at the same time, deftly and knowledgeably explore the problems and dilemmas of our own age. A student of Dickens and Zola, he is masterful in creating a spacious gallery of minor characters.

As If By Magic is a contrived and clever satire on those who foolishly seek escape from the ills of society by resorting to the variety of magics and magicians that profer easy answers.

Alexandra Grant is a "progressive" university student who fancies herself and friends -- characters out of a novel by Dostoevski. Never far from the edge of despair, she searches for a magic formula that will answer her complex questions. Always there is disappointment and disillusionment; magic is an elusive and mercurial power. In the end, she turns from her quest to the harsh reality of rearing a child and making do with just one of her old lovers.

Hamo Langmuir, the heroine's godfather, is a distinguished agronomist who has developed a new strain of rice that will help feed the starving hordes of Asia. On a world tour, this eccentric homosexual is a participant in a number of hilarious and grotesque episodes. His violent death at the hands of an irrational mob is an indication that even the magic of "progress" and increased food production will not save us.

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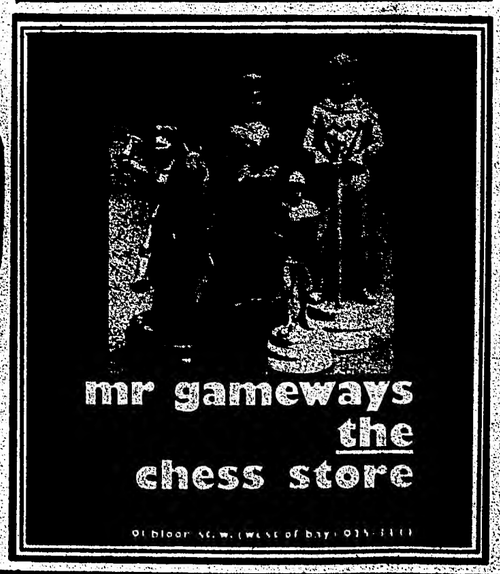

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Philip Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, signs memorial book for David Ben-Gurion at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation where a tribute to the late prime minister took place. Bearded gentleman is Ben Kayfetz, Congress Central Region executive director.

Israel corporation buys power boilers from an Ontario firm, CJN told

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cluded copper bars, pipes and tubes, power boilers and parts, engines, turbines and parts, electric motors, telephone apparatus and parts, and commercial telecommunications equipment.

From Israel, Ontario buys citrus fruits and juices, diamonds, chocolates, wines and textiles.

"With marketing efforts backed with research in specific demand areas--Ontario can expect to expand its exports of industrial machinery and equipment used in the manufacture of textiles, processed food and feed, canning of beverages and fruits, and electric appliances," said Bennett.

"Exports from each of our countries to the other are only a small proportion of the market available to each of us. With better research, stronger sales efforts and closer co-operation, we both certainly can improve our trade volume."

For example, he said, as Israel continues to develop its light industries and petrochemical production, a larger amount of industrial raw materials and industrial equipment will be required.

Theodor Meron, Israel ambassador to Canada, who addressed the luncheon, also spoke along similar lines.

"Now that the war is over, we are duty-bound to a resumption and indeed to an intensification of trade and exports," he declared. "The slogan of the Israel trade ministry is 'Business as Usual -- Only More So'."

Turning towards Bennett, the ambassador called for more trade missions from Ontario to Israel. Earlier, he told The CJN that "there is a growing awareness in Israel in the potential of Canada and Ontario."

Ray D. Wolfe, of The Oshawa Group Limited, Toronto who was re-elected president of the chamber, presided at the luncheon. He announced the appointment of Colin Melamet as the first full time executive-director of the organization and paid tribute to Stephen Barber, Melamet's predecessor. Barber was appointed honorary consultant.

Among the other officers are: vice-presidents Karl Bald, Myer Bald Ltd., Toronto, Charles A. Cadieux, senior vice-president, F.W. Woolworth Co. Ltd., Toronto, J.M. Douglas, Babcock & Wilcox Ltd., Galt., Ont. David Eisen, Philips Electronics Ltd., Toronto, Arthur Fisher, FBI Foods Ltd., Montreal, Sol Kanee, Soo Lines Ltd., Winnipeg, Murray Maynard, Dominion Aluminum Fabricating Ltd., Toronto, I.C. Pollack, Attorney, Quebec City, Quebec; treasurer, Martin Rosenthal, Electro Sonic Supply Co. Ltd., Toronto; secretary Jack Luft, Blue Giant Materials Handling Equipment, Brampton, Ont.

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Avoids hawk, dove collision

Party gives Meir confidence vote

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favor of Mrs. Meir's continued leadership of the party. There were 15 abstentions. Many members of the Central Committee were absent, either because they didn't want to vote or were too exhausted to stay.

The vote came a half-hour after Party Secretary General Aharon Yadlin, openly guided and prompted by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, avoided a head-on collision between hawks and doves. The Central Committee had accepted a vaguely worded, relatively moderate 14-point policy statement drafted a week ago by the party leadership -- including both hardliners and moderates. But those two elements differed sharply over whether the new statement superseded or merely supplemented the Labor Party's tough "oral platform" and the platform plank authored by Minister-Without-Portfolio Israel Galili and adopted months ago at the insistence of Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

The Galili document contained a specific program for Jewish settlement and investment in the administered Arab territories captured in the 1967 Six Day War. The new document was less specific and more moderate on that issue. The 14-point program was to come up for a vote at about 1 a.m. when former Labor Party Secretary General Lyova Eliav, an outspoken dove, introduced a 15th point which stated categorically that the Galili document was annulled.

Eliav and other doves and moderates maintained that post-Yom Kippur War conditions and realities made it "irrelevant". The hawks insisted that the Galili program was still a basic party tenet, conceding, however, that there was no money in the treasury at present to implement it."

Much earlier in the debate, Mrs. Meir clashed openly with Deputy Premier Yigal Allon when he urged her to announce, in advance of elections, the composition of her new cabinet, which in effect was a demand for changes in view of the lack of confidence widely felt toward certain members of the present government. Mrs. Meir, rejecting this out of hand, said it was never the practice to select a government before elections.

Diefenbaker honored

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Regarding the coming Geneva peace talks this month, he commented Israel should not permit itself to be subjected to leverage by the U.S. to make unjustifiable concessions.

And Canada should not let the birthright of freedom be sacrificed for a mess oil pottage, he added,.

Diefenbaker received a 10-second ovation when he urged the Canadian government to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Obviously moved by the lavish tributes of the many speakers at the candlelight affair, Diefenbaker commented: "Never have I felt more humble than I do here tonight."

Among those praising the Conservative politician was Ambassador Theodor Meron who called him "a great statesman . . . a staunch friend of Israel.

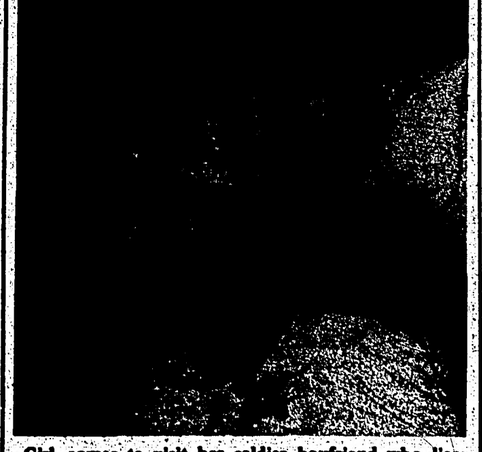
"It's impossible to imagine a more appropriate time for paying tribute to Diefenbaker," he said.

Noting the European scene was reminiscent of 1938 and a number of democracies were accepting the dictates of Arabs, he said "now more than ever before we should now know there are man on whose friendship we can count."

Presentation of the Negev Dinner citation and a book was made by Murray Koffler, UJA campaign chairman, who had just returned from Israel. There he attended the opening of the parkway with Mark Levy of Toronto cutting the ribbon.

All persons attending the dinner received a thick, "This Is Your Life"-style tribute book to Diefenbaker including many rare photos of the politician and his family. Also included were letters of congratulations from David Ben-Gurion, President Katzir, Prime Minister Golda Meir, Prime Minister Trudeau and leaders of major Canadian Jewish organizations.

Among those attending the dinner were Ontario Revenue Minister Allan Grossman representing the province and former Toronto mayor Nathan Phillips, 1965 Negev Dinner honoree.



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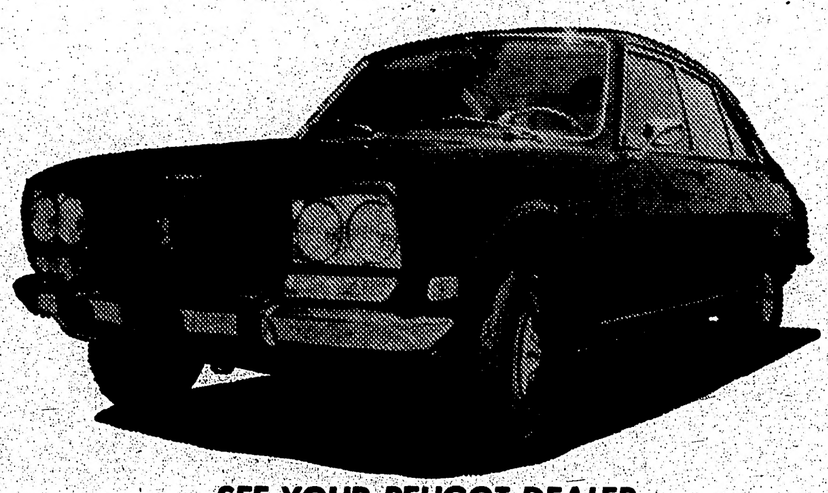

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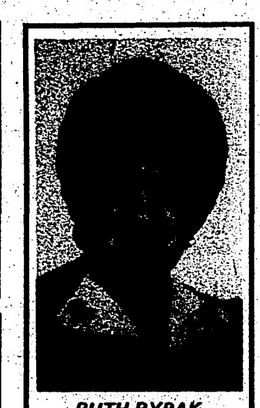

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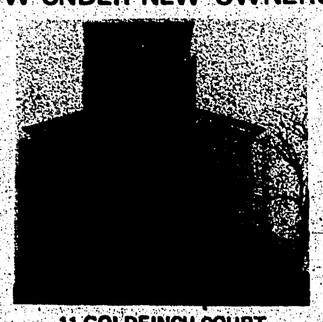

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Military aid bill approved

WASHINGTON (JTA) - Two House committees have overwhelmingly approved President Nixon's request for $2.2 billion in emergency military aid for Israel. The appropriations committee, without a recorded vote, wrote in its bill $1 billion to be given to Israel as a grant and the balance of $1.2 billion in credit.

The foreign affairs committee in authorizing the full amount did not specify grant and credit segments. A committee aide told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the breakdown was left to the appropriations committee. Proposals in both committees to reduce the full appropriation to resupply weapons for Israel lost in the 18-day Oct. war by $500 million were set aside.

Administration spokesmen outlined the need for the full amount the president asked by detailing in secret sessions the kind of equipment that the United States must send to Israel to counterbalance the Soviet Union's weapons shipments to Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

In the appropriations committee, Rep. Otto E. Passman (D.La.), chairman of the foreign operations committee, called for a half billion cut last week. But later, he recommended restoration to the full amount after referring to the Administration's explanation of the need.

The appropriations committee, of which Rep. George Mahon (D. Texas) is chairman, incorporated the $2.2 billion as part of the overall foreign aid bill totaling $5.8 billion. The latter amount includes a military credit of $300 million and a grant of $50 million for Israel, but they are not parts of the $2.2 billion emergency money.

Egyptian atrocities charged

TEL AVIV (JTA) - Israeli authorities have amassed evidence of systematic beatings and degradation of Israeli prisoners of war by their Egyptian captors which ended only three days before last month's PoW exchange began, it was learned here. The evidence, compiled by the army and the ministry of defence will be presented to the United Nations and the International Red Cross. According to the evidence, every Israeli PoW, regardless of rank, was subjected to brutality. Egyptian authorities also participated in or permitted the murder of PoWs, particularly pilots who had bailed out of their planes safely. Some prisoners are believed to have died while undergoing interrogation, the Israeli presentation will charge.

Immediately on their capture, Israeli prisoners were stripped of their personal belongings and papers, their shoes and socks and helmets were taken and their hands were tied with telephone wire. They were forced to lie face down on the floors of troop-carrier trucks while their captors repeatedly kicked them, Israel charges. In Egyptian prisons, according to the alleged evidence, kicks and blows were administered continuously; prisoners were placed in solitary confinement and were forced to wash their faces in sewage water. A young armored corps soldier was tied arm and leg and beaten all over his body. Some men were beaten unconscious and the beatings were resumed after they were revived.

Israel claims that the Red Cross representatives were permitted to visit Israeli PoWs only three days before the PoW exchange. The PoWs were then given pajamas, cigarettes and candy. Some were hastily treated by Egyptian doctors to cover up the evidence of ill treatment.

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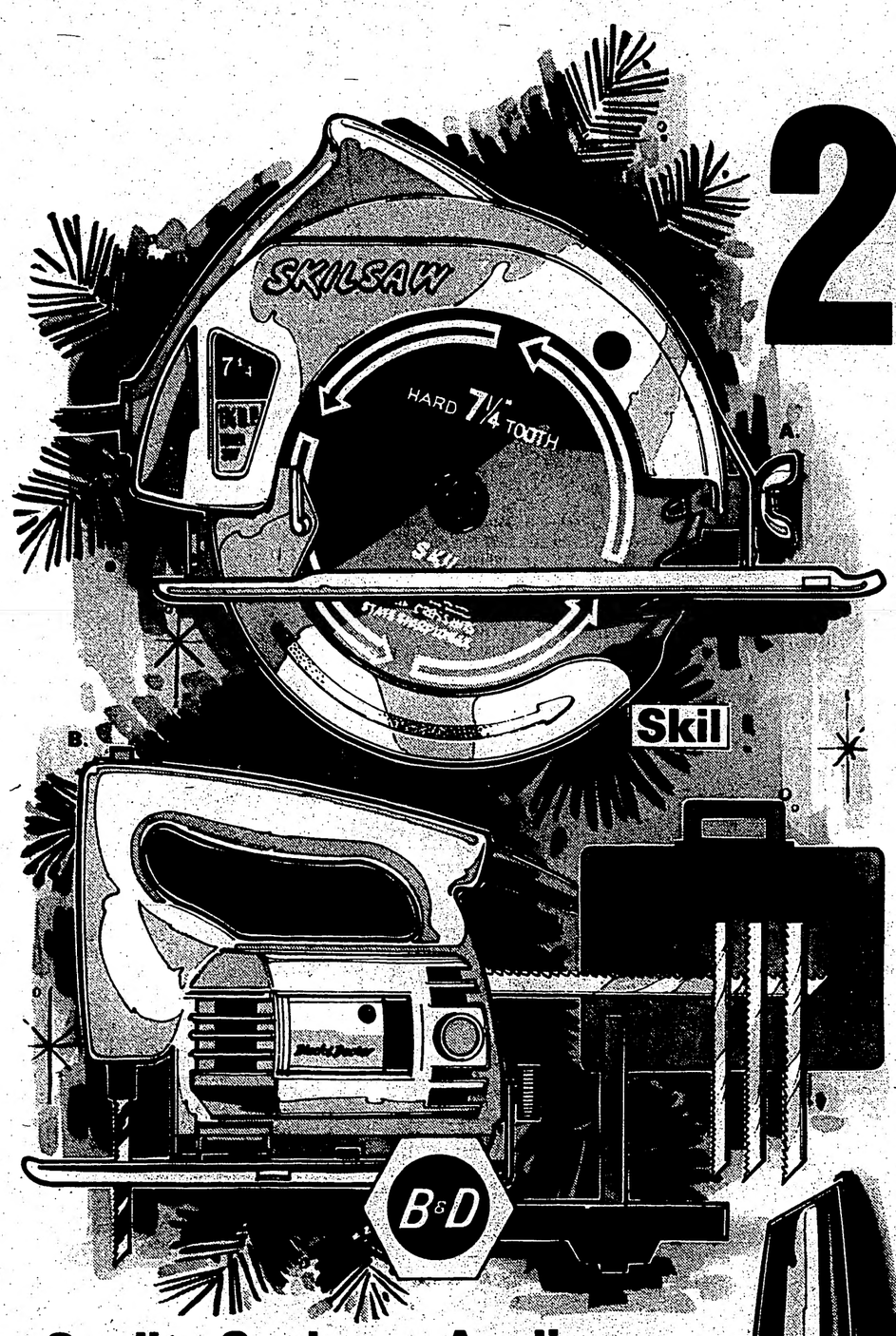

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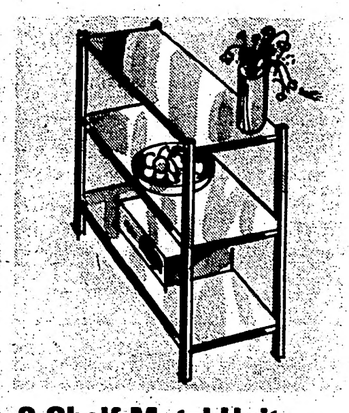

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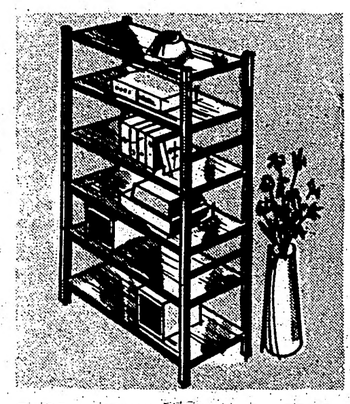

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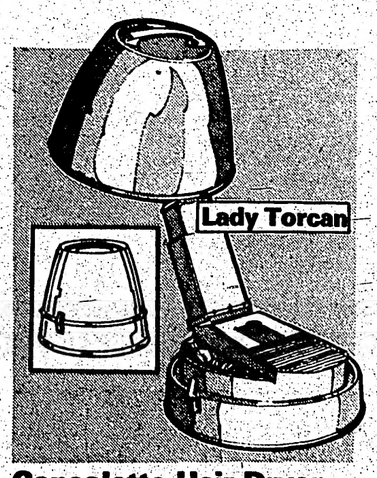

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